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Bill seeks to loosen rules for accepting nonmonetary gifts

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A bill to amend the Ethics Act that would loosen rules for public officials in accepting gifts of value has been amended and sent back to committee to remove limits on nonmonetary contributions, according Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan), the bill's author.

Original versions of the bill—House Bill 19-84—drew the concern of the Office of the Attorney General and Public Auditor Mike Pai.

In October, Pai questioned whether the wisdom of the 8th Legislature—which set the mandates of the Ethics Act—needed reconsideration. He said tinkering with the Ethics Act would “only injure public confidence in government.”

In an interview on Wednesday, Guerrero

said the bill is back in committee to clarify its provisions.

“We just want to clarify the language, the heading of the bill, the intent,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Guerrero said they are not removing the \$50 cap—which sets the threshold of value that public officials can accept—except “for elected officials and the governor and judges.”

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Co-op and govt to ink agreement today

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The government and the CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association has come to an agreement with regards to the latter's operation at the Garapan Public Market building.

According to co-op pro tem president Crispin Deleon Guerrero, the agreement will be signed today.

This comes after a discussion with acting governor Ralph DLG Torres, representatives of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and the co-op board and their legal counsels

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CHC nurses, lab staff may get pay hike in December

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Some staff of the Commonwealth Health Center may have a merrier Christmas this year, with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. administration looking at adjusting salaries around December.

According to CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña, the move has already been discussed by the corporation board when it met several months ago.

“There are certain areas in the hospital side that hasn't gotten a raise for a long time and that's

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FREE DICTIONARIES

Rotary Club of Saipan vocational services director Wendell Posadas distributes dictionaries to 3rd grade students at William S. Reyes Elementary School yesterday as part of the club's yearlong effort to promote literacy in schools.

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PSS, NMC partner up for international education conference

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The Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and Research Triangle International have partnered up to host the 40th Pacific Circle Consortium for the first time in the CNMI. The partnership will promote economic development and improve the lives and education of the community.

"This will be the first time that the Pacific Circle Consortium Conference will be held in the northern Pacific," said Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan. "This will also be the 40th anniversary of the conference, [which] elevates the his-

toric significance of the event even more."

The PCC was first established in 1977 as an initiative in international cooperation between educational research and development institutions in the Pacific region, initially drawn from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries. Today, the consortium is independent of the OECD and is an innovative research and curriculum development-focused conference of the region's education leaders.

RTI International, one of the world's leading nonprofit research institutes based in Hawaii, will work with PSS and NMC for the inclusion of best



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practices for grades K-12 and postsecondary education.

According to the conference proposal submission signed by both Sablan and NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart, "bringing the 40th Annual Pacific Circle Consortium Conference to the island of Saipan...will further strengthen the regional relationship that we have started and will give us the opportunity to expand our Pacific capacity with new professional relationships."

"We learn about best practices for the region and hosts of institutions including postsecondary and not just K-12...and hopefully we can get some economic partners for the region," Sablan said.

The four-day conference will take place from July 4 to 7 and expects to receive as many as 200 to 350 participants from Australia, New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, the United

States, Canada, Vietnam, Mexico, Europe, the United Kingdom, and many more.

The PCC was originally supposed to be held in Palau but representatives of PSS and NMC that attended the 2015 conference in Fiji raised the possibility of hosting it on Saipan. A proposal was drafted and accepted by the PCC chair and later a committee was created by NMC and PSS to handle logistics.

The theme for the 2016 conference will be "Navigating Global Trends of Education within the Pacific Region." The conference call for presentations will go out by January, with selected proposals being presented through plenary sessions and breakout sessions. Registration and further information on presentation proposals can be found on the pcc.cnmipss.org website when it goes live next week.

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Judge resets change of plea hearing in child porn case

The scheduled change of plea hearing last Tuesday for a man charged with possession of a laptop that contained child pornographic materials was postponed to today, Friday, in federal court.

At the Tuesday scheduled change of plea hearing for defendant Vincent M. Songsong, assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorring informed the court that the U.S. government was unaware if any victims were actually identified and contacted.

Attorney Colin Thompson, the court-appointed counsel for Songsong, did not object to a short continuance of the change of plea hearing.

Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Hae Jun Park stated that the victim notification specialist is currently in Guam. Park said he would contact the specialist immediately after the hearing to confirm whether the victims have been notified or that attempts have been made to notify them.

After going over the plea agreement with the parties, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered that the change of plea hearing will instead be continued today at 9am.

The indictment charged Songsong with one count of child pornography. According to the indictment, from Feb. 17, 2014, until Feb. 25, 2014, Songsong knowingly possessed a laptop computer containing visual depiction of a child less than 12 years old engaging in sex. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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"It allows them to receive any form of nonmonetary contribution in any denomination, from a penny up to whatever that is in line with our law," Guerrero said.

"The main reason we turned it back into committee was we wanted to make a clarification on that aspect. We took out the language that removed the clause that does not permit the governor, judges, and elected officials from receiving anything above \$50.

"So we kind of just left it open. We must report it, in the event that we receive anything above \$50 in our yearly financial statement to OPA. But anything that is in a higher value remains a government property.

"We just want to make sure that we are not infringing or violating any laws entirely, so that is the intent of the bill, to protect the integrity of the judges, the governor, and the lawmakers," he said.

Bill changes

The Ethics Act states that: "No person shall give or offer to give to any public official, judicial officer, employee, or Commonwealth contractor, or to the spouse or minor child of any of them, and none of them shall accept, anything of value, including but not limited to, a gift, favor or promise of future employment, based upon any explicit or implicit mutual understanding that the votes, official actions, decisions or judgments of any official, employee, or Commonwealth contractor concerning the business of the Commonwealth would be influenced thereby. It shall be presumed that nonmonetary gift having a value of less than \$50 does not involve such and understanding."

Guerrero's original bill struck out \$50 in the last provision and inserted \$200. That would essentially allow nonmonetary gifts, provided they aren't valued more than \$200. In the amended version, this clause is removed entirely.

Committee findings

The House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations had reviewed the bill and recommended its passage.

According to the committee report, many countries have traditions of hosting visitors or being a gracious guest. One social norm commonly practiced by visiting guests or hosts is the offering of nonmonetary gifts. The committee said these gifts "become a social tradition of illustrating appreciation and hospitality."

"Our public officials have hosted prominent individuals from visiting countries and in turn have also become guests in many countries. On many occasions our public officials are placed in the difficult position of juggling ethical compliance with the social and cultural norms associated with hosting visiting guests or being a gracious guest while off-island.

"Difficult situations in which an innocent well-intended nonmonetary gift—given as a form of appreciation for being a hospitable host or gracious guest as is the social tradition in many countries—is rejected due to the Ethics Code Act of 1992. Specifically the accepting of 'nonmonetary gift having a value less than \$50.'

The lawmakers said the Ethics Act of 1992 was passed to ensure public officials are free from influence and potential conflicts of interests, to develop accountability and preserve public confidence in the government.

"...The proposed amendment does not intend to crumb these principals," the committee said. "The committee incorporated a number of their concerns, thereby recommending the passage of this legislation."

AG letter

In his comments on the original version of the bill in late July, assistant attorney general Michael Witry questioned the bill's intent to account for inflation in raising allowed monetary gifts from \$50 to \$200.

The bill, in its finding and purpose statement, says "a lot of time has elapsed between [the

statute enacted in the 8th Legislature and now] and prices have increased drastically. Therefore, our existing statute must be updated in order to be in line with present economic conditions."

"This bill is legally sufficient," Witry said in his July 30 letter. "However, the purpose of the bill states that the increase is to account for the effects of inflation? Inflation has not been quite severe as the bill estimates. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' CPI Inflation Calculator, \$50 in 1994 dollars (when this statute was enacted) has the same buying power as \$80.51 in 2015 dollars."

'Crumbling ethics'

The Office of Public Auditor seconded the AG's concerns in their comment letter and went further to question the need for the bill.

OPA said they appreciate the "difficult position" public officials face when juggling ethical compliance with the social and cultural norms associated with hosting visiting guests and being a gracious guest while off-island. These situations often present officials with "a choice between rejecting an innocent, well-intended gift and strict compliance with the law," OPA said.

"Nonetheless, OPA stands behind the purposes cited by the 8th Legislature in enacting the Ethics Code Act of 1992 and suggests change would only injure our government through loss of public confidence," OPA's Pai said.

The Ethics Code Act was passed to ensure public officials are free from influence and potential conflicts of interest, to develop accountability and preserve public confidence in our government, the OPA said, citing Commonwealth Code.

"The proposed raising of the nonmonetary gift amount threshold has potential to erode all of these principals," Pai said.

He further noted that the federal government's threshold for nonmonetary gifts is \$20, as long as the gifts from one person do not exceed \$50 in a calendar year.

According to the OPA, single

nominal gifts may not seem as though they can cause influence or erode public confidence, but in the aggregate they easily can.

A \$200 threshold with no aggregate limit could easily turn into a sum much more than a one-time meal of \$150, and that "this loophole is very concerning."

On the issue of inflation, Pai said that even adjusting the 1992 figures for current dollar amounts would suggest the threshold should be moved to around \$85—"far less than the current \$200 figure."

"It is important to stress the purpose of a low threshold is primarily to safeguard against the appearance of impropriety rather than preventing actual influence peddling," Pai said. "Even innocent nominal gifts from regulated parties to their regulations carry risk of the appearance of impropriety. These dangers are only compounded when the limits are raised, especially if there is no aggregate limit or reporting requirements."

If the Legislature wishes to raise the existing threshold, OPA encourages a limit no higher than \$85, an aggregate threshold of no more than \$200 from any given entity, and a requirement that all such gifts be reported to OPA, including penalty for failure to report.

Local perspective

"I think Mike is looking at it from the costs of goods in the mainland," said Guerrero, when asked to comment on Pai's concerns. "They are not looking at it from here, from this perspective. I mean you can't take national and apply it here on principle because in the national level, everything there is cheap."

"We are a thousands miles of away from the mainland and the costs of goods is not cheap. You have dignitaries and investors coming in and part of the gesture is they present gifts to the lawmakers and the judges and the governor itself and the lieutenant governor. So it's rude for us to not accept the gifts that are being offered because of the culture itself," he added.

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the laboratory and the nursing. Those are the things that we're going to address. Especially when you have a laboratory that is Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments-certified already, we need to start thinking about how to retain those individuals," Muña told *Saipan Tribune*.

She said they met with the nursing leadership to get feedback on the restructuring of nurses' salaries.

She said the adjustment will be a tiered salary based on location, census, and acuity of care that the staff provides.

Muna said the salary rate has never moved since the CNMI government instituted austerity measures in 2001. Staff nurses currently get \$33,000 per annum.

She said adjusting salaries would also help them retain employees as competition from other hospitals and locations has been tougher because of the shortage that is being experienced not only in the CNMI but in other islands and in the U.S. mainland as well.

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yesterday.

"We pretty much accomplished everything from agreeing on the contracts, agreeing on the differences and having both counsels come to an agreement, as well as support and the government and DLNR to address the issues that have prevented the contract from being signed," Torres said.

"I'm in support of all our farmers and fishermen and ranchers and this is one hope that for all of them to come together," he added.

Among the changes in the previous draft agreement was decreasing the co-op's liability insurance from \$1 million to \$200,000. The \$1-million value was seen as a major hurdle with regards to signing the agreement.

"I'm glad that their attorney basically reminded the co-op people that it is for their own good, the reason why the insurance is in there," DLNR Secretary Richard Seman said.

Aside from farmers and fishermen, the agreement will also include ranchers to formally accommodate the sale of meat at the market.

"The whole idea for the co-op is to bring all our resources together, so it will be produce, fish and meat market together," Torres said.

"They have to handle the fish and the meat in the same way they handle the produce," Seman said.

There was also an agreement to allow the sale of produce that are not available locally, to encourage more customers to come to the market instead

"This is something that is necessary, especially because there's so much competition in this region to basically get the best people to come and work and provide healthcare services," Muña said. "It is a matter of ensuring that we provide our services to our people."

Muña said the hospital already lost a handful of nursing staff to Guam. Even now, a number of nurses are set to leave CHC soon.

She noted that it's becoming tougher to keep staff in the CNMI as the rate of resignation is faster than the rate of hiring and that they need to act on this.

"We really need to address the situation, we need to be competitive. And we need to recognize those workers that really put so much years in CHCC and are doing a great job," Muña said. "If we want to keep them, we need to compensate them."

With the adjustment in compensation, the hospital also hopes to address the staff shortage as well as overtime issues.

"The overall goal is to look at compensation and avoid overtime. If we address the staff shortage, we address overtime," Muña said. "Paying overtime is really not helping us at all."

disappointing them due to lack of produce. This was among the recommendations provided by former co-op president and manager Maria Frisca Pangelinan, who no longer attended the discussion.

Other food items such as processed food, pickles, and cookies that are made locally can also be sold.

Other changes with regards to operations were also discussed and agreed upon.

Seman noted that the discussion was "a very peaceful, amenable, happy gathering of people who share the same common interest to have a co-op and discuss some of the area that they have concerns with."

He added that the agreement was reasonable because they were able to discuss it and were able to give a rationale, which was something that didn't happen before because they didn't have the opportunity to sit down and talk.

"In any arrangement, when it's the first time, you tend to put what you think is right but that's coming only on one side until you hear the other side and the opportunity to review and you can understand that there's room to be more reasonable," Seman said.

With the agreement to be signed, the co-op will be operating once again as soon as they have the inventory to sell.

"I want that market moving," Guerrero said.

Meanwhile, the co-op is also inviting their fellow farmers to support them.

"We want to invite our farmers to support the market," co-op secretary Sid Cabrera said. "Most of the farmers with the Sabalu Market are now supporting the co-op."

Another 'cease and desist' order for meat company at the public market

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The Department of Lands and Natural Resources has issued another "cease and desist" order to the operator of the meat section at the public market building in Garapan.

"I issued another cease and desist," DLNR Secretary Richard Seman told *Saipan Tribune* last Tuesday.

He said the letter, signed Tuesday and addressed to the owner of the Marianas Meat Harvesting, was given at the advice of the Office of the Attorney General.

DLNR first issued a cease-and-desist for the meat section in an Oct. 27 letter to the CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association. In that letter, DLNR said it has not authorized their use and operations at the market.

Seman said an OAG lawyer witnessed Marianas Meat operating at the public market, prompting the initial issuance of the cease and desist.

The company, which sells fresh meat, has been operating in the market building for almost a year now.

Then co-op president and manager Maria Frica Pangelinan earlier said the meat company approached her about setting up shop next to the market "and I really needed the cash. We

are actually supposed to complement each other. It's not even a formal agreement. It's just that we agreed to do this, we agreed to share this. They helped with the expenses. It kind of assisted us in our cash flow."

Until yesterday, Marianas Meat was still operating at the building.

"The only next thing to do is to file [a case] in court and let the court decide because we cannot force them out," Seman said.

Seman again pointed out that the Marianas Meat may be able to continue their operations at

the market once an agreement is set in place between DLNR and the co-op, which are the ones that should be operating in the building.

"First things first, we need the co-op to agree with the condition that we drafted up. Then we can negotiate with other lease consistent to our condition," Seman said.

"If they sign the agreement with DLNR, then they can start a discussion with the third party," he added.

Marianas Meat declined to comment on the issue.

Learn how to participate in 'Rocky Horror' tomfoolery

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Friends of the Arts will be presenting *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on the Navy Hill baseball field at 10pm and midnight.

Audience participation is part of the fun! There will be an audience section for those who wish to participate in the "Rocky Horror" way. This section will be separate from the normal audience for their safety. For those who don't know what this entails, there will be a workshop tonight, Nov. 13, at 6pm in the Dolphin Theatre inside the Marianas High School campus,

sponsored by The MHS Theatre Club. We will set you on the path of "Rocky Horror" participation! A novice starter kit will be on Sale for a nominal fee.

For "Rocky Horror" old-timers, we cannot do confetti (biodegradable trix would work); no flames (phone lights should work); no toast, no playing cards, and throwing hotdogs, prunes, etc. is a no-no! The rest—rice, toilet paper, water pistol (not super soakers—and, yes, you could get wet), newspaper, rubber gloves, noisemakers, party hats, and bells are OK. (FOA)

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Law enforcement chiefs told to give DPS lists of personnel allowed to carry guns

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Attorney General Edward Manibusan has informed all heads of CNMI law enforcement agencies that they are required under the law to provide the Department of Public Safety with a complete list of personnel who are authorized to possess, use, and carry firearms in the course of their official work.

Manibusan issued the notification in a memorandum on Tuesday after learning that DPS does not have any such lists.

Manibusan did not specify what brought the matter to his attention.

When asked for comments yesterday, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said the AG's statement "is somewhat correct."

Deleon Guerrero said if a firearm were to be issued by DPS, then they would have a record of it. However, if a law enforcement agency were to purchase or acquire firearms from a vendor or some other source and it is not reported to DPS, then they would not have an inventory of those firearms, he said.

Deleon Guerrero said he had a lengthy discussion with their legal counsel about this issue on Wednesday. He said he concurred with their legal counsel's advice to have Manibusan issue a letter requiring all law enforcement agencies to provide DPS with a list of the weapons they have acquired and to which law enforcement personnel these weapons are assigned to.

In his memorandum, Manibusan said such lists much contain the names, ranks, and badge numbers or similar identification of all gun-carrying personnel.

"By law, these lists must be updated promptly upon any changes in personnel," he said.

According to Manibusan, the Commonwealth Code specifically states that "the head of a law enforcement agency of the Commonwealth shall furnish to the Department of Public Safety the names, ranks and badge numbers or similar identification of each person on the force who is authorized to possess,

use and carry firearms in the course of official duty."

Manibusan said the law also states that "upon the occurrence of any changes in personnel to whom this subsection applies, the head of the law enforcement agency shall inform the Department of Public Safety promptly of the change."

He advised all agency heads and other persons receiving his memorandum that the provision of these lists to DPS is required by Commonwealth law, and should be done as soon as absolutely possible.

Manibusan said copies of such lists sent to DPS should also be sent to the Office of the Attorney General.

Manibusan's memorandum was addressed to the Department of Corrections commissioner, Commonwealth Ports Authority chief, Finance secretary, Customs Service chief, Commonwealth Judiciary Marshals Service Division chief marshal, the public auditor, the OAG chief investigator, Senate sergeant-at-arms, House of Representatives sergeant-at-arms, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant, Department of Lands and Natural Resources secretary, and Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality administrator. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Open call for digital contributions of contemporary Chamorro practices

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In an effort to collect and create a community vision for contemporary cultural, spiritual and creative practices of the Chamorro people, cultural activist Dakota Alcantara Camacho of Guam is inviting interested individuals to contribute to a project known as #DigitalGua-fak, a digital resource of cultural experience and offerings.

The project is a continuation of Camacho's dialogue, discussion, and collaboration with Pacific artists on the topic of indigenous issues and the authentic expression of overcoming the challenges of disempowerment.

Camacho, who is also a poet and performance artist, is known for his solo performance work and currently offers community workshops at the Sagan Kotturan Chamoru in Guam, whose aim is to develop new Chamorro performances for the 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam.

According to Camacho, the idea is inspired by traditional altars, either hung from the roof of the home or laid out on a woven mat "that connect us to the ancestors" and the elements by holding offerings such as *lānan niyok* or coconut oil, *pugas* or uncooked rice, *alāhas* or jewelry, and other sacred treasures to give thanks and seek guidance

from ancestors.

"#DigitalGua-fak will be a sacred space in the Internet, weaving video clips, sound bites, and images of contemporary spiritual practices to unify lineages across and beyond oceanic, national and diaspora boundaries," he said.

Contributions will be collected and projected during the Urbanesia Festival at the Mangere Arts Centre celebration on Nov. 22 hosted by the Transformance Lab at Urbanesia Contemporary Pasifika Festival 2015 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Transformance Lab is an international and multi-cultural arts initiative by Jack Gray and Dakota Alcantara Camacho who host durational gatherings to empower ancestral creativity.

For formal inclusion in the upcoming event, Camacho invites participants to send video clips, audio, and image files sent directly via Dropbox or Google Drive by uploading the files and sending the link to dakotacamacho@gmail.com.

Files must be labeled with a last name, first name, and title of work.

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Ex-convict gets three years in prison for store robbery

An ex-convict who was charged with robbing the Blue Sky Supermarket in Chalan Piao in February was slapped with a sentence of three years in prison. Alvaro Joseph Cabrera pleaded guilty to theft and violating the terms of his probation.

In a commitment order yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman noted that Cabrera is no stranger to the criminal justice system, having a previous theft conviction.

"As stated by the govern-

ment, although there were no physical injuries, the victim has continuously suffered trauma from defendant's unlawful acts and the potential for harm was real," Wiseman said.

In the theft case, Cabrera was sentenced to five years in prison, all suspended except for two years. For violating his probation in a previous criminal conviction, the 24-year-old Cabrera, also known as A.J., was sentenced to one-year imprisonment. Both sentences

will run consecutively, which means the total prison term for both cases is three years imprisonment.

Cabrera was given credit for eight months and 13 days of time served. He is expected to be released on Feb. 21, 2018.

After completing the sentence, Cabrera will be placed on probation for five years. He was ordered to pay \$850 in restitution to Blue Sky Supermarket, \$100 in court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

Acting chief prosecutor Chester Hinds had recommended the maximum sentence of five years imprisonment without parole for theft, plus the one-year suspended sentence for violating his probation.

Hinds said that Cabrera's actions are becoming so increas-

ingly violent that even his family does not want contact with him. His past criminal actions show that he poses a threat to the community, Hinds said.

"According to the defendant, he is sorry, but sorry cannot take away the impact of his crime," Hinds said.

He said the victim was so traumatized by the incident that she had trouble sleeping for a month and when a probation officer interviewed her for the presentence investigation report, she couldn't stop crying, thinking about the incident.

Hinds said the money that

Cabrera stole did not go to purchase food or clothes, but to feed his addiction to methamphetamine or "ice" and poker.

Hinds noted that the current case is the same charge as the previous one, but Cabrera's actions in this case were more desperate and violent as he used a knife to steal money.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato, counsel for Cabrera, recommended a much lesser sentence. The Office of Adult Probation recommended a two-year prison term plus the suspended sentence in the previous case.

The Office of the Attorney General originally charged Cabrera with robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon,

and disturbing the peace. He pleaded guilty to theft as part of a plea deal.

Police said that Cabrera stole \$850 from Blue Sky Supermarket on Feb. 21, 2015, on Saipan. According to the cashier, Cabrera approached the counter, showed her a knife and demanded money. He then took cash from the drawer then fled. A surveillance camera led to Cabrera's identification and arrest the following day.

In May 2013, Wiseman sentenced Cabrera to 21 days in prison for stealing his girlfriend's iPad valued at \$500 and selling it to a stranger for \$150. The incident happened on Jan. 28, 2013, on Saipan. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



Cabrera

BoG's Allie Taitano earns AIF status

Alexandra L.G. Taitano, vice president and wealth management adviser with Bank of Guam Wealth, has earned the Accredited Investment Fiduciary, or AIF, status. The AIF designation is awarded to those who complete a specialized program on investment fiduciary

standards of care, subsequently passing a comprehensive examination. Hired in 2011, Taitano joined BG Wealth following five years with Merrill Lynch (Guam) as a financial adviser. Prior to that, she was with ASC Trust Co. for five years as a special projects manager. **(BoG)**



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Viola Alepuyo is appointed Civilian Aide to the Army

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REPORTER

Viola Alepuyo, a lawyer and veteran of Operation Desert Storm, has been named the new Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the CNMI during Veterans Day ceremonies on Wednesday.

The position, officials said, is equivalent to a three-star general in the U.S. Army.

Alepuyo succeeds former CASAs Manuel Villagomez, the late associate justice Ramon Villagomez, and Attorney General Edward Manibusan, making her the first woman to hold the position.

According to their website, the Secretary of the Army appoints at

least one individual in each state and each CASA provides individual advice to the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and commanders at all levels on public sentiments toward the Army. They are also committed to informing people in their areas about the Army and advising the Army on the public's concerns and perceptions.

Veterans Affairs Office director Joseph Palacios said Alepuyo was nominated by Gov. Eloy S. Inos after Manibusan stepped down.

"We are so happy that she is now officially our CASA," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "She represents the CNMI in terms of any military related [issues] within the CNMI jurisdiction. She represents the governor. She will be attending annual meetings, conferences. She is a Desert Storm veteran. And as an attorney, she has a lot of knowledge of the laws and what can be done and can't be done," Palacios said.

In a Veterans Day gathering at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion, Alepuyo said the position will give her "an opportunity to be a bridge between the people of the Commonwealth and the U.S. Army."

The position is equivalent to a three-star general, but they are special government employees who serve as representatives of the Secretary of the Army without salary, wages, or related benefits.

Alepuyo was sworn in Tuesday via teleconference from Washington, D.C. She said she was nominated this summer but the investiture ceremony on Aug. 4 was cancelled due to Typhoon Soudelor.

Alepuyo said she wants to be a voice for those in the Army as well as their families in the CNMI. "Being so far away from Washington, D.C., I wanted to give not just the soldiers but their families a voice so that whatever it is that they need, their frustrations, can be heard by D.C. I have high hopes. I know that it's going to be a lot of work," she added.

The veteran of Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield also spoke of her experiences in the Armed Forces.



Viola Alepuyo delivers her remarks after being announced as the new Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the CNMI during Veterans Day ceremony at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA-DIZON

"I was an enlisted member of the Army for four years and when I got out, I still was around the Army because I worked for a Department of Defense contractor," Alepuyo said. "It was hard but that experience made me stronger so that I can handle the stress today."

Alepuyo also honored her father, the recently passed veteran and local musician David "Taulaamwaar" Kapileo Peter.

Peter served in the Vietnam War and was known for leading the band "Rematua." The band recorded the CNMI's first album *Gi Talo Gi Halom Tasi—Satil Matawal Pasifiko* and authored the Refaluwasch verses of the CNMI national anthem.

Future initiatives

Palacios said he has already

talked with Alepuyo about working together on bringing to the CNMI some of the services and benefits that are not available right now to veterans.

"I will be working with her and the Office of our Washington Delegate. They being our voice in Congress and D.C. for that matter. Their role is very important," said Palacios.

"...What most of our veterans want is where they can actually call it 'our clinic' where they can just walk in freely. They have this pride that they would rather go into an official military hospital or a veterans hospital clinic. That's one of things we want to work on, as well as the expansion of the [Army Reserve] troop store that we currently have here," Palacios said.

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By **DAISY DEMAPAN**
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REPORTER

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Town House general manager John Smith said the store is similar to their branch in Guam, with a large inventory of brand name furniture and appliances to choose from, backed by the company's strong product warranty.

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For electronics, television sets with the JVC brand and

Yamaha AV products are also available.

"Yamaha music keyboards, guitars, pianos, and accessories are perfect for serious musicians and those just starting out," he said.

Their bestsellers are dining room furniture of all sizes and shapes and new inventory are scheduled to arrive by next week.

Living room furniture with many sets and multiple recliners are available as well as bedroom sets and mattresses in twin, full, queen, Eastern king, California king sizes, and "gel memory" pillows.

Smith said that promotions are scheduled throughout November and December, including Black Friday specials on Nov. 27 and additional promotions in December.

"New inventory is arriving

almost every week between now and the end of the year, as we look forward to serving the Saipan market this year, and continuing on for many years to come," he said.

"Even the Aquarius [Beach Tower] Hotel is refurbishing some of their rooms with our furnishings," he added.

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Ruth Ruemau, who suffered a wound infection after Typhoon Soudelor, has been visited a number of times by volunteers of the Community Outreach Recovery Effort. Ruemau is among some victims who are still unable to rebuild because of their health conditions and other challenges. Others in photo are CORE volunteers Abbys Mitchell, Kazuo Estrada, Joan Cabrera, and Mami Ikeda.

FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

Karidat warns public not to honor stolen checks

Karidat's main office located in Chalan Piao at the V.S. Sablan building has been burglarized three times since August 2015. The latest incident was between Nov. 7-8, 2015.

In the past two incidents the burglar(s) managed to get away with cash after prying open a locked desk. However, in this new incident, they stole a locked filing cabinet that contained important documents, vendor checks ready for mailing, as well as unused blank checks. On this note, Karidat is advising the general public and businesses to not honor Karidat Bank of Guam checks, beginning check number 17188 and any check thereafter under account number 0603-005527 and Karidat First Hawaiian Bank checks, beginning check number 3365 and any check thereafter under account number 12-001827. Karidat is not responsible for payment of these stolen checks. These accounts were closed as of Nov. 8, 2015.

Karidat is also asking the community for help to identify and locate those who broke into its office.

"We encourage anyone with any information to please call Crime Stoppers. The thieves are not just stealing from Karidat but from the whole community," the agency said in a statement. (Karidat)

West Harbor Marina red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the West Harbor Marina and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this site contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

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Lance Deleon Guerrero, right, as John Bender faces off with Markel Toves, who plays Andrew Clark, in the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of *The Breakfast Club*.
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Theatre Club explores teen angst with *The Breakfast Club*



Markel Toves, right, as Andrew Clark talks to Keona Camacho, who plays Claire Standish in the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of *The Breakfast Club*.
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Next week, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club will present its stage adaptation of the classic 1980s film, *The Breakfast Club*, which follows the adventures of five teens stuck in a Saturday detention.

The production is directed by school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, and stars Lance Deleon Guerrero as John Bender "The Criminal," Keona Camacho as Claire Standish "The Princess," Markel Toves as Andrew Clark "The Jock," Brianna Hunter as Allison Reynolds "The Basket Case," Michael Ortizo as Brian Johnson "The Brain," and Sam Soledad as Mr. Vernon.

"Aside from the nostalgic appeal of this great movie, I think its themes and message are timeless and universal," said Galvin Deleon Guerrero when asked why he decided to stage *The Breakfast Club*. "We've all been teenagers before, and I believe that we continue dealing with the alienation, turbulence, and angst of adolescence long into adulthood. So I hope this show will help all of us be more honest with ourselves and with each other about these issues."

For the actors in the show, who are all teenagers, dealing with the challenges of adolescence is a fresh experience for which the show has been therapeutic.

For Toves, playing "The Jock" hits close to home because he's also his basketball team's captain in real life. "I can definitely relate to and learn from this character, who shows that even if it looks like you're doing well like Andrew, deep down inside, you're hurting."

Hunter echoed Toves, saying that playing the role of Allison

"is like connecting to a character who I feel, inside, is also a part of me."

Ortizo put it more bluntly. "Brian is a character I've been playing my entire life; playing it now just reflects who I am. I hope audience members will see that just because it looks like you're doing okay, it doesn't mean you're okay emotionally."

Despite the emotional weight of the show, the actors have also enjoyed having fun with their roles. As Lance Deleon Guerrero put it, "It's been a lot of fun, honestly, to play the criminal. It lets me be the bad guy that I'm not allowed to be, that I choose not to be."

Or, as Camacho put it, "I feel pretty excited to play Claire because I can bring out my goofiness in this role, being sassy as an actual character."

The Breakfast Club will be performed on Thursday, Nov. 19; Friday, Nov. 20; and Saturday, Nov. 21, in the Mount Carmel School library. Doors open at 6:30pm and admission is \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the school's Business Office or at the door. However, due to limited seating, advanced purchase of tickets is recommended. Also, due to the mature content and graphic language of the play, parental discretion is strongly advised.

The Breakfast Club is being staged as part of the Theatre Club's 20th anniversary. The club will continue its celebration with more productions this school year, including *White Christmas* in December and Disney's *The Lion King* in May next year.

For more information, call 234-6184 or visit www.mount-carmelsaipan.com. (MCS)



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The free workshop will be held at all the NMC As Terlaje Campus in Saipan at Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

At the workshop, participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application

for Federal Student Aid, CNMI Scholarship, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, and the TEACH Grant. Workshop participants can also have their financial aid documents notarized and photocopied, all without any charges or fees.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SSHS PTSA meeting on Nov. 19

Saipan Southern High School will have a PTSA meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, starting at 5pm in the school cafeteria. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend for updates on school projects and information on PTSA events for the school year. (SSHS)

SYP sets Christmas party on Dec. 12

Members of the Saipan Young Professionals Committee will celebrate their Christmas party by the beach on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Barefoot Bar, Kanoa

Resort. This event is open to all Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and their representatives or guests. If you would like to purchase tickets for your company or if you would like to sponsor the young professionals in your organization to attend the event, contact the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at (670) 234-7150. The event will include a sunset buffet dinner, raffle prizes, entertainment, fun games and an awards ceremony honoring outstanding young professionals throughout the island! (SYP)

PTSA meeting for all Kagman schools

There will be a PTSA meeting for all Kagman schools on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Kagman High School campus from 5pm to 6pm. Your attendance for this coming meeting is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, contact Kagman High School at

664-3780; Kagman Elementary School at 664-3911; or ChaCha Ocean View at 664-4100. You may also e-mail PTSA at kagmanptsa@cnmipss.org. (PR)

CCA board meeting on Nov. 17

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. (CCA)

Outdoor movie night on Saturday

The Friends of the Arts is sponsoring an outdoor movie night on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Navy Hill ball field (Bring your

own chair!). The event will feature two great movies and three show times. *How to Train Your Dragon 2* (G) will be screened starting at 7:30pm. This will be followed by *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (PG-17) at 10pm and midnight. Ticket price per movie is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children 11 and under. (FOA)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Who says you can't have a birthday on Friday the 13th? Happy, happy 10th birthday to Tayshawna "Pak-Pak"! Enjoy your day, sweetheart. With love from your Pak-Pak family.

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DC MEETUP

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member David Sablan, left, meets with Delegate Amata Radewagen (R-Am. Samoa) over dinner in Washington, D.C., last week, where he gave her an update on CUC projects; the recovery efforts thus far after Typhoon Soudelor; and the military buildup as a result of U.S. Marines' move to Guam from Okinawa over the next five to seven years. Radewagen is a majority member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and works closely with Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP). She is vice chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular, Indian and Alaskan Native Affairs. Radewagen is also the main member of Congress responsible for insular affairs for the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and is third ranking member on the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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Taya Tuesdays campaign results in 213,016 plastic bags not used

As a result of eight months of Taya Plastic Tuesdays, 213,016 plastic bags have been saved through the use of reusable bags, boxes, and other alternatives. Also exciting is that shoppers are not limiting their use of reusable bags to Tuesdays. They are bringing them in throughout the week. Joeten records show that 17,995 reusable bags were brought in to their stores during the period (Feb. 24, 2015 through Oct. 27, 2015) through its partnership with Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. These numbers are impressive for the CNMI's first effort to support reusable bags.

"Joeten stays committed to supporting conservation efforts in the CNMI. MINA has been a great partner in achieving our green efforts. We are working to reduce the CNMI's reliance on plastic bags," said Bo Palacios, business development manager.

In February, Tuesdays became "No Plastic Bag Day" at Joeten. Every Tuesday, Joeten grocery stores and their customers say no to plastic bags by using boxes, paper bags, or reusable shopping bags. On this day, Joeten does not

distribute any plastic bags. If you forget your bag and choose not to use a free box, on Tuesdays Joeten stores charge 10 cents for a paper bag and sell MINA-Joeten eco bags for 99 cents (any other day they are \$1.99). A portion of the proceeds support MINA's efforts to protect and preserve our natural environment.

Plastic is responsible for killing more than 100,000 marine mammals every year. Let's reduce our reliance on single-use plastic bags and shop with a reusable shopping bag instead! Together, as a community, we can help eliminate plastic pollution in the CNMI.

MINA is also excited to announce the 2nd Plastic Bag Challenge *12 Days of Giveaways*. Starting in December this will give the island community a chance to win daily prizes just by "choosing to reuse." More details to follow. To learn more about the Plastic Bag Challenge campaign contact MINA at 233-7333 (REEF) or email minaoutreach@gmail.com. MINA works to sustain our natural environment to ensure our island way of life. (MINA)



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Obama deserves an answer on his immigration policy

It is the genius of the law to reduce a morally fraught battle over power and liberty to a petty dispute over drivers' licenses. But the debate over President Barack Obama's immigration policy is about first principles, and the Supreme Court shouldn't hesitate to address them.

On Monday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a 2-1 decision upholding a lower court's ruling against Obama's executive actions on immigration; on Tuesday, the administration said it would appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court. Texas, joined by 25 other states, had sued to stop the administration's implementation of its Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents program, announced a year ago.

That program would shield qualified undocumented immigrants from deportation. Under a similar program announced in 2012, more than 650,000 "Dreamers"—undocumented immigrants who had been brought to the U.S. as children—have been approved for deferred action. The disputed program would make more than 4 million additional undocumented immigrants eligible to stay.

The Obama administration claims authority for the programs under the executive's broad powers of prosecutorial discretion. It justifies the programs in part by pointing out that Congress has provided funds to remove only about 400,000 undocumented immigrants per year, necessitating discretion in removals.

But case-by-case discretion is difficult to apply to a potential class of more than 5 million people. The administration's policy was borne of simple frustration with Congress, which has repeatedly failed to address the presence of some 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.

Texas and the other plaintiffs, for their part, say that the administration had failed to follow proper rulemaking procedure. The state also said that if the presence of undocumented immigrants in Texas became lawful, the state would incur costs of supplying them with driver's licenses.

This claim, too, is cramped and legalistic, not to mention dubious: There is every reason to believe that deferred action would lead to more lawful employment and more tax revenue for Texas and other states. But Texas leaders oppose undocumented immigrants—and, emphatically, they oppose the president.

The Supreme Court can be expected to discount the disingenuous arguments of both sides, and it will not issue a ruling on the wisdom of Obama's policy. But it shouldn't evade the crux of the matter: How much authority does the executive have to address a public policy crisis when the legislature fails to act? The current decision says the Obama administration exceeded its authority, but others have concluded that, when it comes to immigration policy, the executive branch has wide latitude. How wide?

Those are the questions the Supreme Court should attempt to answer. Current candidates for the presidency have proposed answers ranging from Hillary Clinton's vow to exceed Obama's executive actions to Donald Trump's call for mass deportation. But it's the Obama administration that has a concrete federal policy on the table.

The program's legality should be resolved before the high court's current term ends next June. The president deserves a speedy answer, as do the millions of undocumented immigrants in legal limbo.

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Friday the 13th

It is Friday the 13th, the third one this year, the most a year can have. Sometimes it is only once a year. This time around, after Friday the 13th in February and March, it is November's turn to host one.

The day is often considered an unlucky day, actually a bad day to the superstitious, and that sentiment has not had a shortage of following, making the day *aka* Black Friday.

The combination of Friday and the number 13 as an evil day is recent. Independently, Friday and the number 13 have a longer dark history that I won't recount. Dramatically to Christians, the betrayal of one of the 13 in the Upper Room on Thursday resulted in the crucifixion of Jesus on Friday. *Lika* is a Norse trickster who intrudes on a dinner for 12 gods; he is therefore the 13th creature, an interloper who messes up the menagerie.

The ancients consider 12 as the complete number (e.g., 12 months, 12 signs of the zodiac, 12 gods of Olympus, 12 tribes of Israel, and Jesus' 12 Apostles) making 13 an unwieldy number. The Jesus story and the Norse myth point to Friday the 13th in a long history of sentimental bad luck.

Friday the 13th is a movie series out to scare us out of our wits since 1979, with a TV franchise devoured as a deadly horror suspense thriller, made more memorable since the movie crossover with Freddy Krueger's terror in *Nightmare on Elm Street*. Already, installments are scheduled until 2017.

What is it about being scared that fascinates us, I asked on *Hol-low e'en?* Is it the illusion of control since these stories are only on movie screens and TV projections lasting only until after the designated hour is over? Then we breathe a sigh of relief until the next show when we artificially pump up the adrenaline again?

The dramas of our lives are contrived. It is like the tsunami warnings that we foist on our alien population. Have you ever watched foreigners on Beach Road hightail it to the hills because our island's finest blue warns of a tidal wave coming to our lagoon? Has high waves (tsunami in Japanese) ever gone past the coral reef on Saipan?

Although the CNMI (Saipan) records a tsunami only every three years, it is low of risk as the waves are not big enough to cause any damage. A look at the historical record and we are clear that the drama of a tidal wave is needed to push a nudge higher the rise of the adrenaline on an otherwise tedious and sedate island life.

We are not alone in our sentiments. The San Andreas fault is projected to slide into the Pacific anytime soon. San Francisco may not be shivering in fear, but doom saying is abundant and lucrative business in the city. It is projected that L.A. will have a major earthquake within the next five years. I heard the same prediction in the mid-'60s. The construction boom in L.A. does not seem to have many folks worried. But the purveyors of tragedy

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are countless.

I lived in SoCal summer '66 commuting from South L.A. to the *Luau* on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills every morning (two hours on two buses) to sort out evening receipts, add up and record the take, then bus boy at lunch, and later wait on tables at night with lamp lights on dining tables attired in purple-labeled white shirts like Indo-Malays of Singapura. I served "brewed" coffee by pouring hot water on instant coffee powder in the kitchen, a quickly learned practice. It was a daily Friday the 13th laughs that summer, though May had the only Friday the 13th that year.

No one laughed when I accidentally poured seven steaming cups of coffee on the back of a backless gowned customer out with friends and husband for an August Friday evening dinner. Her irate husband stood up, biceps larger than my thighs, ready to pound me into the floor, but the wife was kind enough to point to the unrolled lunch salad canoe floor mat that caused me to trip.

My colleagues quickly rolled up the mat and smoothed customer relations. The chef, noticing the scowl on my face after retreating to the kitchen, informed me that the only liability of the house is the cost of the dry cleaning of the dress and it was not going to come off the tips. He sliced me a piece of pie and told me to grab a cup of coffee and a chair. I was visibly shaken and trembling. I just turned 21.

I took a bus ride the end of that summer from L.A. to Lexington, KY on old Route 66, now parallel to Interstate 40 traversing Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee before heading north to Kentucky. I had \$63 left of summer earnings.

The coalition of the Disabilities Network Partners planned to meet today to collaborate and coordinate efforts, avoid duplication of services, maximize use of resources, and by intention, to allay kneejerk fears of the day. A disability forum intervened at the same time. It is Friday the 13th.

Today is also World Kindness Day, slated every Nov. 13. Created by the World Kindness movement, it encourages folks to be kind to one another.

Superstition or authenticity, your call.

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Noodles: From ancient China to Pagan island

I'd be the last guy to ask about history. OK, I'd be the last guy to ask about anything, but you already knew that. When it comes to modern food, however, anything that comes in a wrapper, in a can, or that you can put ketchup on, happens to be the *spécialité du beach chair*.

So we'll contemplate a modern refinement of an ancient dish: noodles.

With that in mind, you can, in fact, join me for lunch right now. I happen to have a spare plastic spoon in my shirt pocket. Here you go. Oh, wait, that spoon is nasty. Wrong one. Try this one. Yeah, that's the clean one, so never mind the fuzz, that's just lint.

The Chinese are usually credited with inventing noodles. This was no recent thing. According to a 2005 article on the National Geographic website, a 4,000-year-old bowl of noodles was unearthed in China.

Of course, if you've ever lived in a college dormitory, unearthing ancient bowls of half-eaten noodles is nothing new. From my experience, they tended to flock with empty bottles of Lucky Lager beer.

Anyway, noodles eventually became a famous fixture of Italian cuisine. How they got from China to Italy is an interesting question. As for the interesting answer, uh, I don't have one. Maybe this was a legacy of the Silk Road. Maybe the legendary Marco Polo was involved. Maybe somebody who knows the answer will be kind enough to e-mail me. I'm out of my depth here.

But I can tell you that the Chinese certainly heed Italy's role in the noodle realm. In Chinese, the word for "spaghetti" is said as "Italy noodle." Incidentally, the Chinese word for "noodle" is the same word as for "face." This makes sense to me, since that's where I put noodles: in my face. We might as well keep this rolling: The Chinese term for Italy is comprised of the terms for "thought," "big," and "advantage." So if you learn the word for "spaghetti" in Chinese, you've also learned the terms for noodle, face, Italy, thought, big, and advantage.

Wow, that's six-to-one linguistic leverage there, which is why I avoid libraries and I stick to restaurants.

Anyway, let's zoom to modern history, and the era of factory foods for mass consumption, food designed for easy storage, efficient shipping, and consumer convenience for slobbs like me. Yeah: progress!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Hafa adai, my fellow veterans, families and friends:

First of all I want to thank each and every individuals who attended yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony at the American Memorial Park. Special thanks to all who helped one way or another to make our ceremonial a success: Fr. Francis Hezel (invocation); American Red Cross (John and Paul) for the water and ice; Nola (printing of programs) from Xerox; Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band (great job!); the students and staff of Marianas High School's Chorus; DPS police officers/Capt. Pete DLGuerrero for the 21-gun rifle salute; Manta Ray Battalion, Saipan Southern High School, JROTC cadets under the leaderships of SSM J. Kiyoshi and SSM R. Basa; Dr. Ed Tudor of VFW Saipan Post 3457 (Taps); CNMI Department of Homeland Security and staff; Mayor David Apatang and his staff; director Eli Cabrera and his staff; DPW Secretary James Ada and his staff; the staff of the American Memorial Park; Veterans Day Committee chair Jenn C. DLGuerrero, Tony L.G. Cabrera, Mariano DLG Fajardo, Mac Chargualaf (commander, VFW, Saipan Post 3457, Bernie Boyer Dela Cruz (my hardworking staff), and most especially the staff of Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, through the leadership of Mrs. Esther S. Fleming.

This year's Veterans Day ceremony would not have been possible without the help of all this agencies and individuals. I would also like to give thanks to all veterans and their families, parents, spouses and children of deceased veterans, thank you for coming! Special thanks to our newly appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Viola Alapuyo; members of the CNMI 19th Legislature; U.S. District Judge Ramona V. Manglona, CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John Manglona, CNMI Superior Court Associate Judges David Wiseman, Ken Govendo, and Teresa Kim-Tenorio; officers of the pre-positioned ships; the U.S. Coast Guard, Saipan Municipal Council Alice Igitol, and Mrs. Ruth Coleman of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Your presence meant so much to us. May the good Lord continue to bless us all here in the CNMI and abroad.

Joseph M. Palacios

Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs Office

Born in Taiwan, and later setting up shop in Japan, Mr. Momofuku Ando is credited with inventing instant ramen in 1958. Ramen needs no introduction to Saipan, where "soba" enjoys most-favored-food status, possibly being a rival to canned luncheon meat. According to the World Instant Noodles Association, the industry provides 91.6 billion servings of instant noodles annually.

You will notice that America has been absent from our history of noodly evolution. But that's because Yankee ingenuity was warming up for something big. In 1965, a now famous staple of American culture was unveiled: SpaghettiOs.

SpaghettiOs were the brainchild of Donald Goerke, a Wisconsin native who had a bachelor's degree in mathematics and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Goerke was a marketing executive who was tasked with developing canned pasta for kids. It had to be something easy to eat without making a mess and something amenable to re-heating. I don't know if Mr. Goerke's math background played a role here, but he certainly had an analytical mind, since the ring-shaped profile of the food hit the sweet spot of the various constraints.

Mr. Goerke, in other words, optimized the noodle.

When I was a kid, I ate as many cans of SpaghettiOs as I could talk my mom into buying.

Trouble behind... ahead!

People don't need a government-run retirement program to put money aside for their golden years. But this takes money, right? Do you think you could succeed saving some on your own?

Wish we could jointly respond with a strong "yes." But we know the reality of a hugely depressed and stagnant economy. It drains family purses quicker than the blink of an eye. How do you save when most employees use their salaries—often two paydays in advance—to provide for basic family needs?

Eh, someone now wants to talk "poverty" after he failed on "health" issues years ago. What other issues of subsequent failure has he prepared for the people in the villages? Anyway, we're used to lies as part of promises, promises, and more promises than we can remember, yeah? 'Nuff *lai*!

It's an interesting shift in approach. I think the team wants to trash "solutions driven" in favor of "poverty." Food stamps, housing and Medicaid are in place to help the more destitute here fully paid for by the feds. Why would he be mesmerized with the term "poverty"? This is the very issue he must define and come to terms with before he could even begin eyeing poverty here! Otherwise, it's Irene Good Nite! Leave recipients alone!

Political albatross: Republicans have done well luring voter loyalty with generous entitlement programs like the financially troubled retirement system that started sinking since day one in 1979. The program is basically dead, what with some \$789 million in unfunded liability. Republicans now steer clear of the issue for it could trigger political catastrophe.

Did you say Ulithi? It then turned to Best Sunshine for the \$10 million for utility vouchers donation. Nothing illegal! Since then, it has gone around searching for more donations. It has found "poverty" speeches near the DPW beach the sheets close to shreds. And it doesn't have money to dish out to the 51 percent of employees who are under federal poverty income level. How about checking Alter City, Dynasty, Dalai 'Ste or Nasty?

Obamacare: Mr. Obama's signature law is in deep kimchee. Many of the health insurance exchanges throughout the country have gone belly up. Obamacare supposedly designed to guarantee affordable access is inaccessible. It has driven up health premiums beyond the reach of most average citizens. Why would Obama want another government-controlled business that most folks can't afford? Conservatives are likely to dismantle the program moving forward.

Reduction of CWs: Heads of both sectors—public and private—are worried the heavy reduction of CW workers would wreak havoc on the local economy. Hey, hey, hey! "Solutions driven" team is still in town, yeah? Hell, hasn't this federal law been around for seven years now and we haven't seen fit to do anything about it since then? Do you blame Uncle Sam or the elected elite's inadequacies in real leadership work?

UN birthday: Clifford May, president of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, was straightforward addressing the 70th birthday of the UN. He said the only problem with the recent celebra-

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Later on, in Boy Scouts and beyond, SpaghettiOs proved to be great fare for camping, since they were self-contained in their own sauce and required no preparation outside of heating, and even that was optional because they're pretty good even when cold. This is one very forgiving food.

And, for me, it's even been a food with professional applications. When I used to fly airplanes and copters to remote places like Pagan island and Anatahan island, I'd take a couple of cans of SpaghettiOs for just-in-case duty. Yeah, yeah, I know, those islands are full of nature's lush bounty of edible flora, but there's no harm in hedging your bets with a can opener and, of course, a dirty plastic spoon.

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tion was the UN arm includes appointments of some of the world's worst human rights violators...thereby making the UN Charter's commitment to "reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights an Orwellian joke." That says it all in straightforward fashion. Screw the role of the useless world body!

UN Bacon Scare: Two food experts wrote in blaring headlines that processed and red meat cause cancer. There's more to this misguided assertion, ruled by thorough research as "flimsy at best" than meets the rib eye. Of all places, the issue is under discussion at the UN climate change meeting in Paris. Gee, pro-climate change ultra-environmentalists would go the entire nine yards to offer non-scientific materials to blur the issue. And Obama is at the ready to lecture once over his favorite toy, the teleprompter!

Corp. tax: In trade agreements between European and Asian trading partners we find ways to grant foreigners opportunities to make headway into investing in the country. It seems, though, that we've given them the upper hand over the fate of our very own. Must look into prohibitive Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act that has forced our businessmen to renounce citizenship in order to escape punishing regulations on their incomes abroad! There's also the punitive corporate tax that drives businessmen from the country. Are these too difficult to resolve?

Skillful hypocrisy: The global community is looking for a venue where Obama could deliver a harmless statement that fits his skills or call it pretentious hypocrisy! The Paris Conference on Climate Change slated for Nov.30 to Dec. 11 could be an event that perfectly matches his skills and interests. The mainstream liberal media has opted to skip coverage given that at the end of the day Obama's only audience is himself!

Flunking basic economics: Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina recently wrote how folks across the country literally struggle daily to make ends meet without much success.

"We've had more than six years to watch the left's prescriptions in action and the verdict is in: They don't work. Under President Obama, the economy has been hobbled. The 73,000-page tax code is too complex to navigate without an army of accountants. The administration has added \$7 trillion in new federal debt, and has doubled down on environmental regulations that crush business owners and farmers while raising energy prices.

And yet Hillary Clinton said on Oct. 13 in the first Democratic presidential debate, "The economy does better when you have a Democrat in the White House," and she offers variations on that line when campaigning.

Whose economy is she talking about?


Eh, could we check our own backyard too, *lai*?

The latest fad is "poverty!" Oh? Let's see your neutered "solutions driven" mantra.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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SUNDAY



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MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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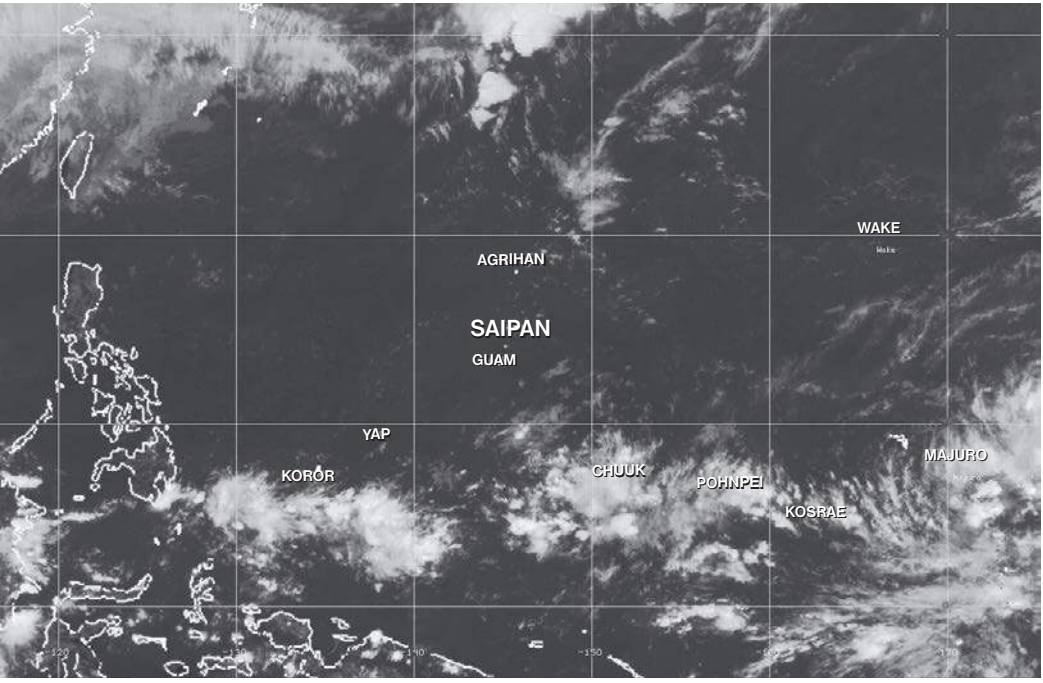
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Yesterday's Satellite Image




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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade winds converging into the north side of a near-equatorial trough are combining with upper-level divergence to create a long band of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. The first portion of this band lies between 2N and 7N from 130E to 140E and is just south of Koror and well south of Yap. A second portion stretches between 145E to 161E from 2N to 9N and includes both Chuuk and Pohnpei. The last section is clustered around a weak circulation south of Majuro and extends from the equator to 12N from 169E to 180 including Majuro. Two upper-level troughs are creating isolated thunderstorms. The first group of thunderstorms is within 60 miles of a line from 20N170E to 24N180 and beyond. The second cluster is just north and east of the Marianas between 20N and 25N from 145E to 158E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼56
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲55	▼40
Hong Kong	Showers	▲81	▼75
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼75
London	Windy	▲51	▼44
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼52
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲94	▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
New York	Windy	▲57	▼44
Osaka	Rain	▲65	▼61
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲57	▼46
Pusan	Cloudy	▲67	▼51
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼51
Salem	Showers	▲57	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼50
Seoul	Showers	▲62	▼43
Tokyo	Rain	▲58	▼57
Washington, DC	Windy	▲57	▼40



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9:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
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7:52 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	7:17 AM	7:02 PM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily		
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily		
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
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MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6		
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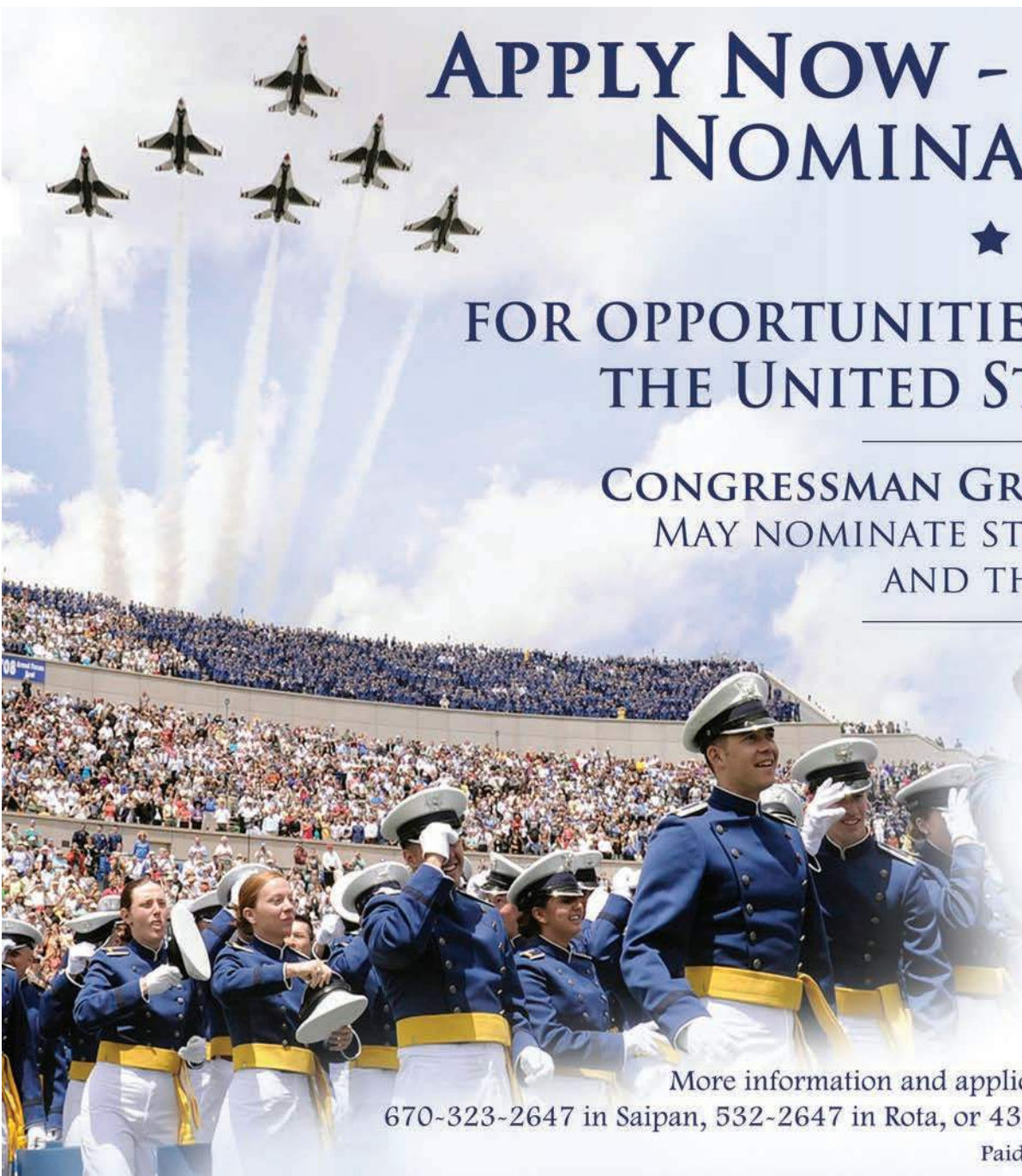
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rota parishioners rebut statements of Fr. Jimenez

With all due respect, the San Isidro parishioners disagree with the comments made by Fr. Ryan Jimenez in the *Saipan Tribune* and *North Star* newspapers. The church is about love, caring, and honesty with ourselves and our neighbors but some comments made were not true and accurate.

Saipan Tribune printed on Nov. 10, 2015, that Fr. Ryan “has been in ‘close consultation’ with the clergy and the faithful from different parishes in discerning what is good for the people of the diocese.” Fr. Ryan did *not* consult with the parishioners of San Isidro Church in Sinapalo. According to dictionary.com, the word “consultation” means “a meeting for deliberation, discussion, or decision.” Fr. Ryan came to Rota and did no such thing but rather stated the decision made by the Diocese and when parishioners asked questions or tried to make comments, he did not take what was said seriously or entertain the questions posed. How could he consult with the parishioners when about 1,000 parishioners have signed the petition opposing the plan to remove Rev. Monsignor Luis Antonelli’s pastoral and administrative duties? It can be suggested that Fr. Ryan only consulted with people who were not parishioners of San Isidro Church. Many residents have called the Diocese while some have sent emails

but until this day, Fr. Ryan has never responded. What does that say about his character as a holy man? Fr. Ryan continues to ignore the parishioners of San Isidro who want to express the wishes and desire of the clergy for Monsignor Antonelli to retain all pastoral and administrative duties.

Fr. Ryan stated in an interview published by the *North Star* on Nov. 8, 2015, “that the first important factor is the need for every parish to have an assigned priest.” San Isidro already has an assigned priest since 1991; removing Monsignor Antonelli will only burden the Diocese who already has confirmed the inadequate number of priests available in the CNMI. To retain Monsignor Antonelli would be in the best interest of the Diocese as it will alleviate Fr. Ayuyu’s duties to the residents of Rota. It would be a challenge for Fr. Ayuyu to entertain and accommodate both parishes and all the needs of the people of Rota. The effective date for Monsignor’s duties will be on the 29th of November, the time of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. It is also a time for the faithful to be happy but the decision made by the Diocese is causing anger and a division amongst the parishioners.

Finally, Fr. Ryan referred to the Diocese’s decision using the Code of Canon Law 538 and 539. Canon Law 538 states that

«when a pastor has completed seventy-five years of age, he is requested to submit his resignation from office to the diocesan bishop who has to decide whether to accept or defer.» Monsignor Antonelli is 97 years old; the Canon Law should have applied to him 23 years ago when he was 75 years old. The Diocese has never requested for Monsignor’s resignation. Why now? What is the motive for his removal? The parishioners see no sense to their decision using this argument.

Canon Law 539 «mandates the local ordinary to designate as soon as possible a new pastor when a priest is prevented from exercising his pastoral function in the parish by reason of ill health.» Monsignor Antonelli is old but his health is in good condition. How can an ill priest be able to give daily Mass? Monsignor Antonelli has never missed celebrating Mass for the people of Rota. Some can argue that there are some people who are old but with good health and some who are young but with ill health. Parishioners outside of Rota do not know Monsignor Antonelli’s state of health, only the people of Rota and the parishioners can attest to his ability to continue to serve as our pastor.

Monsignor Antonelli was ordained a priest in 1949 and has served the Lord for about 62 years (42 years on Rota alone). The Diocese believes that reducing Monsignor’s duties will not help him. We believe this will do «more harm than good» as this decision will cause his health to deteriorate. The parishioners care too much about the condition of Monsignor’s health and ability to serve but it is Monsignor Antonelli’s request for “the Diocese to allow him to serve until he is unable to or when God calls him.”

The San Isidro Parishioners welcome Fr. Isaac Ayuyu to serve the people of Rota as the pastor of San Francisco De Borja. The parishioners still strongly appeal to the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa to retain Reverend Monsignor Luis Antonelli as the pastor of San Isidro Church. Monsignor Antonelli is known by many for his hurtful Pennsylvania punch, we wonder if this is the reason why Fr. Ryan refuses to come and consult with us in the presence of Monsignor Antonelli. We kindly ask for a status quo for San Isidro Parish on Rota.

San Isidro Parish Council
Sinapalo, Rota

Lest we forget those NMC faculty members who made the ultimate sacrifice

Northern Marianas College staff who reluctantly discontinued employment services at the college when the Board of Regents disregarded and tossed aside the faculty’s concerns and issues raised back in 2013 were made to suffer the ultimate sacrifice in no longer being with NMC.

Those lucky to stay remain committed to the cause and will remember those who took to the chopping blocks, however. They shall be remembered for standing up for academic freedom and the rights of faculty, fellow staff and college students. We remain determined to never give up until the “investigation” by the Office of the Public Auditor on the college in 2013 is made public before the end of this year.

The simple request we ask for is that the OPA investigation report to be widely shared with former House Education Committee chair Rep. Roman Benavente, the elected House leader who requested for OPA’s investigation on the Faculty Senate’s complaints and the college community.

Is this too difficult of a request for OPA?

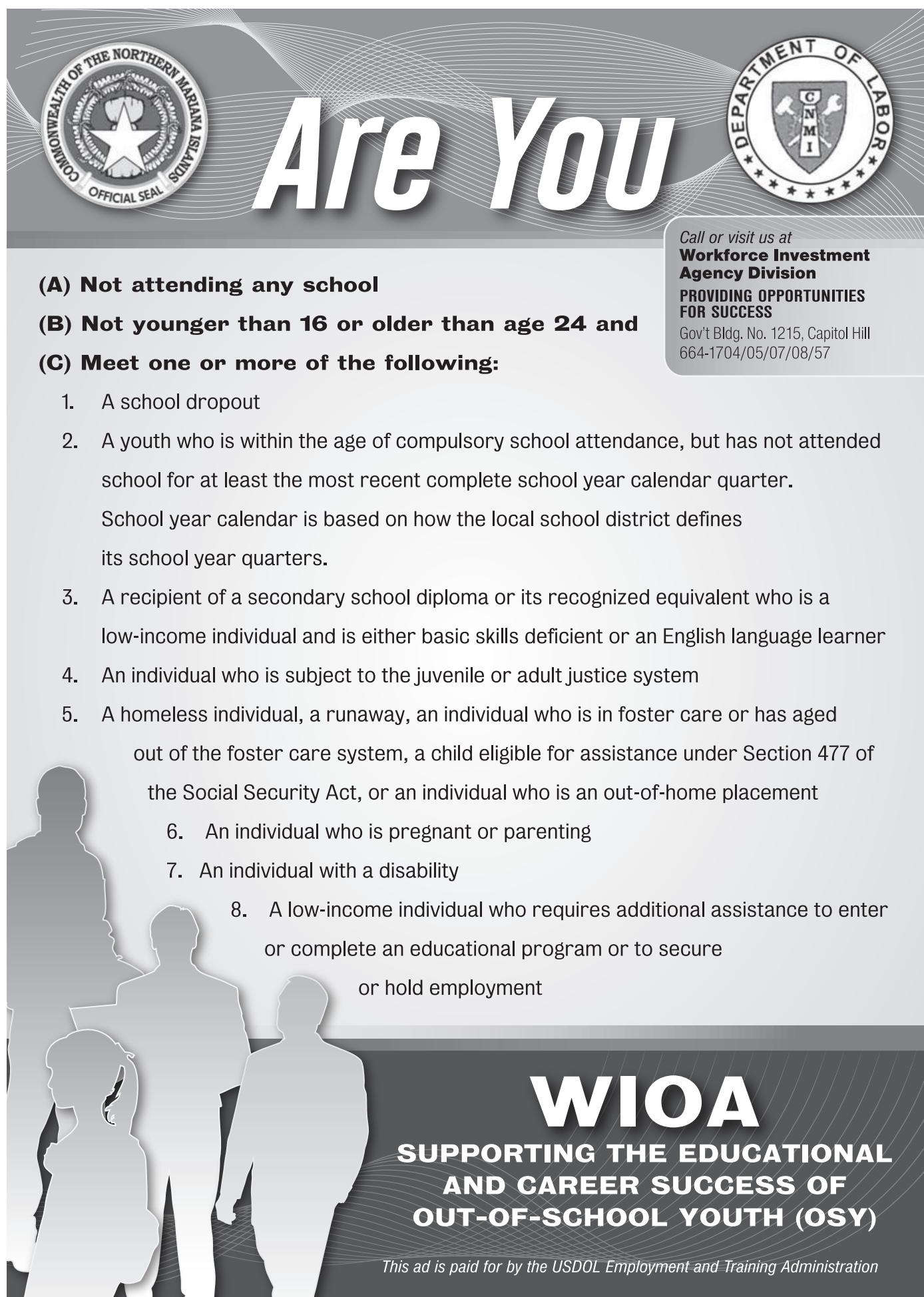
Naturally, we expect our team leader, Ms. Cynthia DL Guerrero, former vice president of the NMC Faculty Senate in 2012 and now with the NMC college board, to continue to believe in the cause and fight for the cause that led to the vote of no-confidence in college president Sharon Hart and the college board under Juan Lizama’s chairmanship.

We plead with you, Ms. Guerrero, not to let your guard down and be misled by the charms and empty promises of the board chairman and the college president.

In conclusion, we expect Ms. Guerrero to forge ahead and continue to champion the issues of the Faculty Senate since 2012 until they are completely resolved.

We ask Ms. Guerrero to take charge and remain focused and committed to NMC employees whose employment were terminated or not renewed, or were simply too unhappy with the lack of leadership at the college and the hostile work environment.

Jackie Cuelo
Tanapag, Saipan



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Korean investor sues in-laws for his ouster from company

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REPORTER

A Korean investor is suing his parents-in-law for allegedly producing a forged minutes of a corporate board meeting that states that he had resigned from his positions in the company and intended to sell his stock shares.

Sun Ha Park, through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, is suing Eun Soo Han and Kyung Hwa Park for conversion, trespassing, fraud, and interference with contract.

Sun Park wants the court to declare that he is the rightful majority shareholder, director, and officer of Karis Co. Ltd., and to restore control of Karis and its business and accounts to him.

Karis was established as a corporation in the CNMI in 2005, issuing 50,000 shares of common stock to two shareholders.

According to Scoggins in the lawsuit, the original two shareholders live in Korea and have never resided in the CNMI.

Scoggins said that Han was hired by the corporation to serve as its primary employee and that he conducted business on behalf of Karis within the CNMI.

Scoggins said that, in 2013, Han approached Sun Park and encouraged him to invest in Karis, promising him that if he

invested sufficient funds into Karis he would receive a controlling share in the corporation, be appointed a director and officer of the corporation, and be able to avail himself of immigration benefits that would allow him to live and work in the CNMI.

Scoggins said that Sun Park from his job in Korea, sold his home, liquidated many of his physical assets, and prepared to move himself and his family to the CNMI.

On April 11, 2014, Scoggins said, Karis Co. issued 450,000 shares of common stock to Sun Park in the amount of \$450,000. That made him the controlling stockholder of Karis, having 90 percent shares of the stock.

On April 11, 2014, Sun Park was appointed to the board of Karis and elected as treasurer. He was subsequently elected vice-president/treasurer.

Scoggins said that, on April 24, 2015, Han caused to be filed with the CNMI Department of Commerce a document purporting to be the minutes of the board's special meeting.

The lawyer said the disputed minutes claimed, among other things, that a meeting of the shareholders occurred on April 20, 2015, and that "all officers and directors" including plaintiff, were present.

Scoggins said Sun Park was

not present at any meeting involving the business of Karis on April 20, 2015, and that no such meeting actually took place.

The disputed minutes also claim that plaintiff resigned both his position as corporate officer and board member

of Karis. Scoggins said at no time did Sun Park ever resign his positions.

The disputed minutes also claim that plaintiff wanted to sell his 450,000 shares of common stock in Karis to the original shareholders.

In truth, Scoggins said, plaintiff did not request, authorize or endorse any such sale, and no legal transfer of stock took place.

Scoggins said Sun Park is still the legal and equitable owner of 90 percent of the common stock of Karis.

He said the plaintiff's signature on the disputed minutes is

a forgery and that some or all of the other signatures are forgeries. He accused Han of creating the fraudulent minutes and the forged signatures.

Subsequently, the lawyer said, plaintiff has taken steps to reestablish control over Karis in his capacity as majority shareholder, corporate officer and or member of the board.



Club 88 Island Theme Mural Competition

In conjunction with the opening of our second e-gaming Club 88, Mariana Resort and Spa Club 88 is sponsoring a competition to paint a mural on the exterior wall of the veranda overlooking Mandi Asian Spa and the Pacific Ocean. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$1,500 to paint their design and showcase their talents. This competition is open to all local resident artists.

The mural will be painted by the selected artist on an outdoor wall measuring approximately 25 feet long by 20 feet high and will be painted. Paint and materials will be provided by Club 88. Subject material for the mural should be in keeping with the island/ocean theme; for example, ocean; reef; dolphins; sunset, etc.

Interested artists must submit their full-color design by the closing deadline of November 13, 2015.

The winning design will be announced November 17, 2015.

Designs should be submitted to: Michael Holl, (670) 233-0888; Club88MHoll@gmail.com.

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The Admiral is ready to serve

By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON
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REPORTER

Aside from hotels and expensive bars and restaurants, there are not enough places on island for the common people to just sit down, order a nice meal, and enjoy a picturesque view of the ocean. That’s a dilemma that The Admiral plans to remedy.

With a name that’s inspired by the ships that can be seen from its wooden deck, The Admiral will soon be opening to serve the public once again.

Located along Beach Road near the JP Centre, the rustic and unassuming restaurant will offer great food with a great view.

“We plan to offer simple,

comfort food that people can enjoy while taking in the great view of the Saipan Lagoon,” said restaurant owner Granz Narciso. “My customers will feel like they’re in their homes, enjoying a home-cooked meal and enjoying the view.”

At The Admiral, one can order a refreshing soup of timeless pork *sinigang* (tamarind soup), or the satiating broth of *bulalo* (beef shank soup). Filipino favorites such as crispy pata, pork and chicken barbecue, grilled squid, and mussels are also available. For dessert, a glass of halo-halo will be among the choices.

“In the evening, we will be serving more of the grilled items,” he said.

According to Narciso, they specialize in Filipino food but they will also offer Japanese and Korean food and eventually add steak to their menu.

For their initial operation and soft reopening tomorrow, Nov. 14, The Admiral will serve breakfast and dinner, which is from 6am to 8am and 5pm to 10pm.

“We’re working a schedule for the lunch. Definitely, later on, we’re going to be operating from breakfast to dinner,” Narciso said.

But The Admiral will be more than just a restaurant at night. After 10pm, it will be a cool place to relax and unwind with a glass of beer and other drinks,

as well as a chance to practice your vocal chords on their karaoke machine.

“Everyone can just chill outside. I can offer something that’s very affordable to the custom-

er,” Narciso said.
For reservations, contact 233-3124.




Squid and other grilled items will be among the dinner specialties of The Admiral. FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON



The Admiral will be offering the famous Sisig, a pork dish, that is popularly eaten with rice or as pulutan or bar food. FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) RUNWAY VACUUM SWEEPER** to the FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0002-80, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *“Procurement and Delivery of One (1) Runway Vacuum Sweeper to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-80”*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new manually operated runway vacuum sweeper for the Saipan International Airport designed especially for use in cleaning pavements to remove debris, dirt and dust from routed cracks of the pavement, all in accordance with the specifications.

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The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 a.m., Friday, November 6, 2015**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
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World

Myanmar transition to democracy on track after Suu Kyi win

Kurds launch offensive to retake IS-held Iraqi town Sinjar

SINJAR, Iraq (AP)—Kurdish Iraqi fighters, backed by the U.S.-led air campaign, launched an assault Thursday aiming to retake the strategic town of Sinjar, which the Islamic State overran last year in an onslaught that caused the flight of tens of thousands of Yazidis and first prompted the U.S. to launch airstrikes against the militants.

A statement from the Kurdish Regional Security Council said some 7,500 peshmerga fighters were closing in on the mountain town from three fronts in an effort to take control of the town and cut off a strategic supply line used by the Islamic State militants. The statement also said the Kurds wish to establish “a significant buffer zone to protect the city and its inhabitants from incoming artillery.”

Peshmerga fighters and the militants exchanged heavy gunfire in the early hours Thursday as Kurdish fighters began their approach.

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar’s president has promised a peaceful transfer of power to the victorious party of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi in general elections, ensuring that the country’s march toward greater democracy after decades of military rule will not be derailed.

Suu Kyi’s National League for Democracy said Wednesday it received a message from Information Minister Ye Htut on behalf of President Thein Sein congratulating it for leading the

race for parliamentary seats in the Nov. 8 election.

Ye Htut said the government will pursue a peaceful transfer of power “in accordance with the legislated timeline.” He was not immediately available for comment.

The message helps remove lingering concerns that the military, which has a large influence over the ruling party, may deny the



Suu Kyi

NLD power, as it did after elections in 1990.

It also means that Myanmar is likely to soon have its first government in decades that isn’t under the military’s sway. But while an NLD victory virtually assures it of being able to elect the president as well, Suu Kyi remains barred from becoming president by a constitutional provision inserted by the military before it trans-

ferred power to a quasi-civilian government in 2011.

Suu Kyi has declared, however, that she will become the country’s de facto leader, acting “above the president,” if her party forms the next government.

She described that plan further in an interview Tuesday with Singapore’s Channel NewsAsia television.

“I make all the decisions because I’m the leader of the winning party. And the president will be one whom we will

choose just in order to meet the requirements of the constitution,” she said. “He (the president) will have to understand this perfectly well that he will have no authority. That he will act in accordance with the positions of the party.”

The military, which took power in a 1962 coup and brutally suppressed several pro-democracy uprisings during its rule, gave way to a nominally civilian elected government in 2011—with strings attached.

ASIA BRIEFS

Foes at war, WWII vets from UK, Japan shake hands

TOKYO (AP)—In 1944, the two men were in northeastern India as foes, fighting one of harshest battles of World War II between Japan and Britain. More than 70 years later on Thursday, they shook hands and sipped tea in Tokyo.

Roy Welland, 94, a former British sergeant, and Taiji Urayama, 93, a former Imperial Army lieutenant, survived the Battle of Kohima in northern India near the Burmese border and met for the first time at a British Embassy reception in Tokyo.

Another Japanese veteran, Mikio Kinoshita, 95, who served as an engineer on the notorious Thai-Burma railway, joined the

gathering. A somewhat formal atmosphere quickly thawed, sending the audience into laughter, when the smaller Kinoshita bounced up from the sofa as the well-built and tall Welland sat next to him.

Frail-looking Urayama arrived in a wheelchair assisted by his daughter but moved to the sofa to join the others. They exchanged gifts and shook hands. While the men were mostly quiet, Urayama’s daughter, Akiko McDonald, said she was “deeply moved” to see her father met Welland.

“Today we can remember the past, but we can also honor the change through reconciliation between people,” British Ambassador to Japan Tim Hitchens said as the three veterans sat together on a

long couch over English-style tea and cake.

S. Korean court upholds lifetime sentence for ferry captain

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea’s top court on Thursday upheld a lifetime sentence for the captain of the ferry that sank last year, killing more than 300 people, most of them teenagers on a school trip.

The Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that sentenced Lee Joon-seok, 70, to life imprisonment for charges that included homicide, said a court official, who didn’t want to be named, citing office rules.

The court ruled Lee committed homicide by “willful negligence,” concluding

he fled his ship without giving an evacuation order although, as captain, he is required by law to take measures to save his passengers.

A total of 304 people died when the ferry Sewol sank off South Korea’s southwest coast in April 2014 in one of the country’s deadliest maritime disasters. Most of the victims were from a single high school.


Rights group: China use of torture uncurbed by legal reform

BEIJING (AP)—China’s deep-rooted practice of using torture to extract confessions from suspects has seen little improvement despite measures introduced since 2010 to reform the criminal justice system, an international

human rights group said Thursday. The report by Amnesty International echoed the same findings by the Human Rights Watch group in a May report, and it was released just days before the United Nation Committee Against Torture is scheduled to meet in Geneva to review China’s compliance under an international convention against torture since 2008.


Both reports say the unlawful and inhumane practice remains routine in China and that China’s efforts to reform its legal system have done little to curb it.

Amnesty International came to the conclusion after interviewing 37 lawyers throughout China, analyzing 590 court decisions, and parsing judicial rules and procedures.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

October 2015 Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in the Saipan Water

Areas Affected: Katmelo Area, Lower San Vicente, South San Vicente, Part of Upper San Vicente, Magisa Drive in As Gonno, and Adetfa Street in Garapan

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 77 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during October 2015. Eight (8) samples or 10.4% of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than five (5) percent of samples may do so.

What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified within 24 hours. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *“Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.”*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system’s treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**

What happened? What is being done?

From October 6 to 9, 2015, the Katmelo area had low disinfectant level with coliform present in the water. After operators discovered the cause of low chlorine levels, they increased the disinfection and flushed the water lines that supply the Katmelo area. The October 19, 2015 samples from Garapan and Magisa Drive in As Gonno were collected before the low chlorine dosage was adjusted.

Exceptionally heavy rain flow damaged the water transmission line and treatment station for the San Vicente reservoir resulting in low chlorine levels and the presence of coliform in the San Vicente samples collected on October 19, 2015. Once the water line was repaired, the lines were flushed and disinfection increased.


Further testing showed that these problems have been resolved.

For more information, please contact Bernard Keremius at 322-5030 or Heidi Yelin at 322-5140 or PO Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.
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Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: October 21, 2015

Off The Law

Bubble yuck: Crews unstick old gum from famed Seattle wall



Jessica Wang, left, and Michael Teylan, both of Los Angeles, take a photo at Seattle's famous gum wall at Pike Place Market, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015.

SEATTLE (AP)—A piece of Seattle history is coming down—or rather, 1 million little pieces. Crews are cleaning up the city's famed "gum wall" near Pike Place Market, where tourists and locals have been sticking their used chewing gum for the past 20 years. The wall is plastered with wads of gum in a kaleidoscope of colors, some stretched and

pinched into messages, hearts and other designs. People also have used the gooey gobs to paste up pictures, business cards and other mementos.

On Tuesday, powerful steam cleaners were melting it all off. Emily Crawford, a Pike Place Market spokeswoman, said that following a busy summer season, market leaders decided now was as good a time as any to wipe the wall clean. But they expect people will start leaving gum on the space again soon.

"It's an icon. It's history," said onlooker Zoe Freeman, who works near Pike Place. "The market is famous for the gum wall. But it also draws rats."

Pike Place Market hired a contractor, Cascadian Building Maintenance, to take on the

cleaning. They chose steam over pressure-washing to conserve the historic market's brick walls.

On Tuesday, a fruity, sweet smell wafted through the alley as workers in protective suits blasted the dried gum with

moist air.

"I just hope that the citizens of Seattle don't hate me for removing the gum wall," said Kelly Foster, the contractor's general manager.

People first began smoosh-

ing their gum to the wall while waiting for shows at the nearby Market Theater. Since then, the "gum wall" has expanded beyond one wall and onto other walls of an alley, pipes and even the theater's box office window.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

A lamb on the lam for hours after Nevada crash needs home

BOULDER CITY, Nev. (AP)—A lamb on the lam for several hours after a tractor-trailer crash in Nevada killed 74 fellow sheep has been caught and is now being cared for by a foster family. A baby girl sheep nicknamed Dodger ran loose Monday after a big rig overturned and sent its animal cargo onto a highway. It shut down traffic on part of U.S. 95 near Boulder City. Animal control said 74 of the 250 shearing sheep heading from Cedar City, Utah, to Yuma, Arizona, died. Five others were injured, and five were quickly recaptured. Dodger was finally corralled Tuesday morning. The driver was cited for speeding but wasn't hurt. The owners picked up the sheep but gave up Dodger to animal control, which is seeking a permanent home for her.

Playboy settles model's California golf-injury lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Playboy Enterprises has settled a lawsuit by a model who claimed she was hurt when an employee whacked her in the buttocks with a golf club during a South-

ern California event. According to City News Service, Elizabeth Dickson's attorney told a judge on Monday that the case was resolved. Terms weren't disclosed. Dickson's battery and negligence suit said she was helping host the Playboy Golf Finals in the city of Industry three years ago when she agreed to be photographed with Kevin Klein, co-host of a Playboy radio show. The photo was supposed to show Klein poised to hit a teed-up golf ball from Dickson's buttocks. But Dickson claims Klein unexpectedly swung the club and hit her.

Police find woman hiding, and now she's really in doghouse

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)—A Kentucky woman faces charges after authorities say they found her hiding in an empty doghouse after a dangerous pursuit. Frankfort police tell local media that 28-year-old Myranda Skinner and 36-year-old Bryan Wells led officers on a chase Monday morning after an officer noticed a license plate that had been reported stolen. Authorities say Skinner, the driver, tried to run over an officer when the suspects' vehicle was briefly stuck at a dead-end road. Police say the pursuit led to the car

crashing through a gate at a golf course, with the suspects fleeing on foot. A K-9 unit found Wells inside the bed of a truck and Skinner, of Lexington, in the doghouse. The suspects were indicted Tuesday on numerous charges, including fleeing police. It's unclear whether they have attorneys to contact for comment.

Woman admits she stole cop car, sped off while handcuffed

BEAVER, Pa. (AP)—A western Pennsylvania woman has admitted she stole a police cruiser and led police officers on an 80 mph chase—all while her hands were cuffed behind her. Twenty-eight-year-old Roxanne Rimer, of Chippewa Township, also pleaded guilty Tuesday in Beaver County Court to an unrelated theft charge. Defense attorney Steven Valsamidis said she was sentenced to four to eight years. Authorities say Rimer was handcuffed and placed in the back of the cruiser after being accused of shoplifting in January. Officials said she squeezed through an unlatched opening and crawled into the front seat, then zoomed off and led officers on a nearly 10-mile chase, weaving in and out of traffic, before crashing.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP 16-DOF/REV-008**

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 04, 2015 **TIME: 10:00AM**

**“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION”**

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE OBTAINED ON OR AFTER **NOVEMBER 06, 2015** AT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, CENTRAL OFFICE, DANDAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON **NOVEMBER 24, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME** AT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, DANDAN.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ **LARRISA C. LARSON**
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**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
FOR REPAIRS TO DELTA DOCK
AT THE SAIPAN HARBOR
Project No. CPA-SS-001-16**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repairs to Delta Dock at the Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project Number CPA-SS-001-16.

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, November 13, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in harbor A/E design, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, and environmental review and permitting (25 points).
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points).
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects (15 points).
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence (15 points).
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time (10 points).
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., DECEMBER 4, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

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Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: November 2, 2015

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan**. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 - i. February 4-5, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. October 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. Division Reports
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Garapan Annex RFP
 - b. Salary Comparative Analysis
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. LIHTC Matters
 - b. Land Exchange Request
 - c. Loan Assistance
- VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. OTHER MATTERS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **EDWARD C. SABLAN**
Chairman of the Board

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Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

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Science & Technology

High-tech means higher sales for many small retailers

NEW YORK (AP)—An independent retailer may not look like the cutting edge of technology, but these small businesses increasingly turn to apps and sophisticated software to connect with customers.

Small retailers use high-tech innovations to build relationships with customers; they often can't compete with big chains on prices, so they aim at better, individualized service. Some of the technology is designed for smaller companies, while some retailers find ways to turn a widely-used computer program or app to their advantage. They're also able to implement technology faster than many giant retailers because they're not operating hundreds or thousands of stores.

"Using technology enables the small business to cater to a customer's needs," says Mi-

chael Moeser, a retailing executive with Javelin Strategy & Research, a consulting company based in Pleasanton, California.

One example: an app called Belly that lets shoppers accumulate rewards points at thousands of small businesses. It helps create an emotional connection between the store and shopper, Moeser says.

Another app called Dolly helps a retailer arrange for merchandise to be picked up from a store and quickly delivered to a customer, saving the shopper from lugging home big packages.

More ways that small retailers use technology:

GO WHERE THE CUSTOMERS ARE

Some small retailers sell on online marketplaces that specialize in one type of merchandise.

The sites are similar to Etsy, the marketplace that focuses on goods like jewelry and clothes made by artisans.

Cream City Music sells more than 1,800 items from guitar picks to vintage instruments on Reverb.com, a musical equipment marketplace. The retailer began selling on Reverb.com two years ago.

"People on that website are specifically looking for (musical) products," says owner Brian Douglas, whose company is based in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Cream City Music has a brick-and-mortar store and a

website, but wants to take advantage of any sales opportunity it can. It's getting results, Douglas says. Sales from Reverb.com are growing by double digit percentages each month.

AN ONLINE PERSONAL SHOPPER

Soon after online shoppers land on the websites for O'Neill Clothing and Metal Mulisha, the retailers' software starts suggesting products to buy. The recommendations aren't random; the software, a computer program called Reflektion, finds out where the shopper

is located, and a few clicks on surf or motorbike clothes tells the system enough to start suggesting more merchandise. The more a customer clicks, the more information the system gathers, and the more likely O'Neill and Metal Mulisha are to make a sale, says Daniel Neukomm, CEO of the retailers' parent, Irvine, California-based La Jolla Group.

The software is more advanced than programs on other sites that make suggestions based on a shopper's order history, Neukomm says. If a shopper is looking at garments

designed as active wear rather than fashion, the software will take that into account. If someone from Wisconsin visits the site, the software is likely to suggest hoodies rather than surfing shorts.

The number of visits to O'Neill and Metal Mulisha that result in sales has increased 25 percent because of the software. The more time a shopper spends on the sites, the more likely the program is to select an item a customer will buy, Neukomm says.

"Like a good wine, it gets better with age," he says.

TECH Q&A

What to do when documents, other data aren't downloading properly

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q My Windows 7 desktop PC can't download Adobe PDF document files from the Internet.

I thought the problem might be malware on my PC, but neither Microsoft Security Essentials nor my newer Avast Free security software could find anything. I wanted to scan with the Malwarebytes security program, so I downloaded it to my laptop, then copied it to the desktop PC via a flash drive, but it wouldn't install there. What should I do?

A The Avast Free software may be the cause of your Adobe PDF download problems. Avast is designed to detect malicious software hidden inside PC files, but it sometimes mistakes clean PDF files for infected ones. That might prevent you from downloading those files.

But your PDF download dilemma also might be caused by running the Avast Free and Security Essentials security programs at the same time, because they can interfere with each other. Turn one security program off at a time to see if you can then download a PDF file. Then uninstall the program that seems to trigger the PDF problem.

To temporarily turn off Avast, see tinyurl.com/ool5lef; to do the same for Security Essentials, see tinyurl.com/a3jnwz and click "Go to PCWorld."

If that doesn't solve the problem, try using a different Web browser, because they don't all work the same way. For example, there have been complaints that Microsoft's Internet Explorer 10 and 11 browsers sometimes interfere with PDF downloads (for potential solutions, see tinyurl.com/nqjhuem). Since you already have Internet Explorer, you can download the Google Chrome browser at tinyurl.com/mwd2c3z or Mozilla Firefox at tinyurl.com/7bakrh8.

To install Malwarebytes, try downloading it directly to your desktop PC rather than transferring it from another PC via flash drive.

Q I haven't been able to view my medical provider's website on my Windows 7 laptop PC, and I keep getting a "324" error message. (I could view the website on my older Windows XP PC.) I've contacted the website's technical staff members, but they can't find a solution. What can I do?

A The "324" error means that no data was received by the browser. That could be caused by the website you're trying to load, but it's more likely the result of a Web browser problem (such as accumulating too many cached, or saved, Web pages) or a PC software issue (such as restrictive firewall settings or malicious software activity).

The 324 error seems to occur most often with the Internet Explorer and Chrome browsers. Possible solutions for Internet Explorer can be found at tinyurl.com/pumdh2s. For Chrome, see tinyurl.com/oftrtrt.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

† Alfred Delos Reyes Gonzales Jr.

Born to life on March 28, 1976 and called to
Eternal life on November 10, 2015

In his new life, he now joins his:

Mother: †Maria DLR. Gonzales
Brother: †Vincent Peter DLR. Gonzales
Maternal Grandfather: †Tomas Palacios Sablan
Maternal Grandmother: †Lucia Pangelinan Delos Reyes
Paternal Grandfather: †Rufino Gonzales
Paternal Grandmother: †Gregoria A. Gonzales
Godfathers: †Crispin Matagolai Kaipat, †Luis Baza Matagolai
Father-in-Law: †Antonio L. Kaipat

His memories will live in the hearts of his:

Common Law Wife: Lynette Yvonne Castro
Beautiful Children: Thomas, Isabel, Tammie, Rufino Denzel II, Alfred Jr. II, Maria and Celina
Father & Step Mother: Alfredo A. and Ofelia Gonzales

Brothers, Sister, In-laws and Children:

John Oliver DLR. & Charlene S. Gonzales (Genzo Matua, Seiji Magalahi, Kiyokazu Magas)
Joseph DLR. Gonzales & Nicolette Sablan (Javian, Emily, Ha'ani Rose, Remy Marie A. & Ray Ada (Austin, Avah) Al-Jay A. & Alexandria F. Gonzales (Aleah, Alec) Lucille A. Gonzales (Haani Jade), James A. & Kaysha A. Gonzales (Jaysha)
Susan Gonzales & Larry Q. Babauta (Christopher Joshua, Christian Jacob, Charles Joseph, Evangeline (Lia) Jade)
Charlie DLR. & Bernadette A. Gonzales (Brandon, Shayne, Mariah)
Christopher DLR. Gonzales & Janel Pangelinan (Eddie Joe, Leanica, Kehana, Christopher Jr., Bethany, Alejandria, Brooke, Britney, Brianna)

Godmother: Magdalena DLR. Kaipat

Mother-in-Law: Celina Castro Kaipat
Father-in-Law: Joaquin DLG. Crisostimo

Brother & Sisters-in-Law and Children:

Evelyn & Lawrence Concepcion (Jacques, Jonathan, Balbina)
John Pangelinan (Clayton, John II, Noecia)
Antoinette & Jess Wabol (Yalina, Wallis, Aurora)
Pearl & Joseph Shaun Santos (Ignacio, Sinahi)
Antonio II & Magdalena Kaipat (Cassidee, Oliveeah, Edward II)
Charlene, Jack, Genoveive, Patrick & Families

His loving spirits and fun, humble and positive personality will forever live in the hearts of those who loved him near and far.

Rosary is being said nightly at Santa Soledad Church at 6:00pm and mass on Sunday will be at 9:30am. The late Alfred's body will depart CHC morgue on November 18, 2015 at 7:30am and will proceed to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Last respects will be held from 8:30 to 10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am, and he will be laid to rest at the Mount Carmel Cemetery thereafter.

Si Yu'us Ma'asi, 'Ghilliscaw, Grateful from the family.

Life & Style

Film of Hitler confidants set for Smithsonian Channel debut

PITTSBURGH (AP)—American television viewers get their first chance to see and hear Adolf Hitler's inner circle describe the dictator's final hours in filmed interviews when "The Day Hitler Died" premieres on the Smithsonian Channel.

The documentary marks the first time viewers outside Germany will see the filmed interviews by Michael Musmanno, a Navy attorney who presided at one of the Nuremberg war crimes trials and later became a Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice.

After the trials, Musmanno spent more than two years tracking down witnesses and re-interviewing them on camera in 1948 to prove Hitler was dead, hoping to thwart rumors spawned when Soviet dictator Josef Stalin claimed Hitler had escaped his underground Berlin bunker.

"There can be no doubt that Adolf Hitler, the fuhrer of Germany, the master criminal of the world, the greatest gangster who ever disgraced the human race, is dead," Musmanno says, concluding the interviews.

The films "give you a sense of what they were thinking, why they were there, and why they would stay in the bunker," said Thomas White, the archivist tasked with preserving the films at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

"The Nazis were like the generic villains of the 20th century, but that's the real danger," White said. "We tend to forget that some people found them charming and how they got there and came to power."



AP
This undated file photo shows Adolf Hitler, right, and his mistress Eva Braun posing on the Terrace of the Berghof, in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

The interviews also vividly describe Hitler's volatile moods as the Russian Red Army moved into Berlin in April 1945.

Buoyed by news that U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt died April 12, 1945, "Hitler went into a dance and congratulated himself as if he had himself had brought about this event," Hitler's press attache, Heinz Lorenz, told Musmanno. "He exclaimed, 'This will mean I will win the war.'"

But 10 days later, Hitler's

mood permanently darkened upon learning one of his generals refused to lead a suicidal counter-attack with a rag-tag collection of German army units.

"He collapsed and said, 'It's all over, and I'll shoot myself,'" Lorenz recalled.

But it would be eight days before Hitler would shoot himself alongside Eva Braun, the long-time mistress who took a poison capsule and died beside Hitler the day after they were married.

In the meantime, the 16-room

bunker—with its 12-foot thick concrete ceilings and walls some 30 feet below ground—became a macabre Neverland as Hitler's confidants and staff awaited his suicide.

"After April 22, he talked about it constantly," said Traudl Junge, the secretary to whom Hitler dictated his last will and testament.

Or, as German Army Major Baron von Loringhoven told Musmanno, "The bunker became a mortuary and the people in it living corpses."

Musmanno wrote a book based on his interviews, "Ten Days to

Fans wait—and wait—to see LaBeouf watch his own movies

NEW YORK (AP)—Why did actor Shia LaBeouf invite his fans to watch all the movies he's ever made with him during a three-day (and two-night) marathon at a Manhattan theater? Or to watch him watching via livestream, witnessing the drama of him occasionally stroking his beard, sipping from a cup or scratching his nose?

Probably the best explanation is: Just because.

And that's pretty much why Alex Martin, a senior at New York University, was waiting on line—for what was likely to be hours—to get inside.

"Just for the experience," Martin explained with a smile. "Just to say I did it. Not necessarily to watch a movie of Shia LaBeouf. You know, just to say I was here."

Although Martin, who's majoring in public health and sociology, used to love LaBeouf when he was a child actor, he and his friends waiting with him Wednesday afternoon clearly now see him as a perplexing, if interesting, celebrity known for sometimes very erratic behavior. "Lots of alcohol," Martin noted.

Austin Reardon, also an NYU senior, said he was there "because I am a big fan of his public persona over the years." He came to the Angelika Film

Center, right by the university, because "it's entertaining to watch online, but I would like to be a part of it in person."

Though most of those waiting on line, which stretched about a city block long, appeared to be college age, not everyone was. Attorney McKinney Brown, 26, had the day off from work and "thought it would be a fun experience." He didn't know precisely which movie he'd be seeing; his favorite, he said, is "Lawless."

"Shia does all sorts of performance art," Brown said. "I thought it would be a fun thing to do just to experience it."

LaBeouf basically took over the theater, letting fans in for free, but wasn't speaking to those who managed to get in, according to people coming out. There were five-minute intermissions between films.

"He was completely silent," said Michelle Calicchio, a senior at Ramapo College, who arrived early in the morning and emerged from the theater at about 4 p.m., having spent most of her time waiting (newcomers were admitted only when someone exited the theater, and people could stay inside as long as they wanted.) She felt that LaBeouf was wordlessly critiquing his own work.

O'Reilly, Will in vitriolic dispute over Reagan

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill O'Reilly and George Will have escalated their extraordinary feud this week, a dispute that encompasses the leading cable television news outlet, a publishing empire and the legacy of the conservative movement's most revered politician.

Will's most recent column in The Washington Post, headlined "Bill O'Reilly makes a mess of history," followed up their on-screen confrontation last Friday on O'Reilly's Fox News Channel show. O'Reilly responded by saying Will is jealous of his success.

"You know what, George?" O'Reilly said Tuesday night. "I'm bored with it. I'm bored with it!"

There has been no immediate comment from Fox News Channel executives either taking sides in the dispute or whether there would be any disciplinary action against Will, a network commentator, going on O'Reilly's show and essentially

calling its host a liar.

The argument is centered on the book, "Killing Reagan," by O'Reilly and co-author Martin Dugard, about the aftermath of the 1981 assassination attempt on former President Ronald Reagan.

It's one of a series of books, including "Killing Kennedy" and "Killing Lincoln," that have made O'Reilly the country's best-selling historian by far. The books usually sell 1 million copies or more in hardcover, a rare achievement these days for nonfiction.

Will has joined with several former Reagan administration officials in objecting to the book's characterization of the former president as occasionally mentally incapable to serve, a decline accelerated by the assassination attempt. Reagan, who served as president from 1981-89, was diagnosed with



Will

Alzheimer's disease in 1994 and died at age 93 in 2004.

"Killing Reagan" relies in part on a memo written in 1987 by former White House aide James M. Cannon to White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, based on interviews with other White House personnel. The memo quotes concerns expressed about the president's mental capacity and suggests the possibility that relieving the president of his duties might be in order.

But former Reagan aides, including Edwin Meese, have said that Cannon later recanted those concerns when he and Baker became convinced Reagan was fully capable of handling the job. Baker and Cannon are now dead.

Meese, a former attorney general, and John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald

Reagan Presidential Foundation, wrote in a column for Real Clear Politics last month that O'Reilly's book "does a real disservice to our 40th president and to history itself."

That cause was taken up by Will, who wrote that O'Reilly had slandered Reagan, and led to the on-air tussle last Friday.

Will said O'Reilly was "something of an expert" on misleading people, and suggested that the book plays into liberal attempts to discredit Reagan. He said he was surprised O'Reilly relied so heavily on a memo and neglected to interview surviving Reagan aides who would have disputed its contents. One would be Will's wife, who worked on the communications staff in the Reagan White House.

"His is an interesting approach to history: Never talk to anyone with firsthand knowledge of your subject," Will wrote in this week's column.

Carol Doda, who helped introduce topless entertainment, dies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Legendary San Francisco stripper Carol Doda, whose splashy act helped introduce topless entertainment to the city more than 50 years ago, died at age 78.

Doda died Monday in the city from complications of kidney failure, friend Ron Minolla disclosed Wednesday.

Doda first went topless in 1964 at the Condor Club—a move that changed every night-spot on busy Broadway in San

Francisco.

During its heyday in the early 1970s, the street in North Beach buzzed with more than two dozen clubs where carnival-like barkers beckoned passers-by to watch bare-breasted dancers. The era spanned some 20 years.

Doda later had an acting role in “Head,” a 1968 film featuring the Monkees, and was profiled in Tom Wolfe’s book “The Pump House Gang.”

“When the (beatniks) were



^{AP}
In this Sept. 21, 1978 file photo, Carol Doda performs at the Condor Theater in San Francisco.

handing the torch to the hippies, a girl named Carol Doda changed the world from a pole at the corner of Columbus Avenue and Broadway,” her friend Lee Housekeeper said.

Doda, known for her augmented bust, rode onto stage atop a piano on an elevator platform, debuting her act the same day President Lyndon B. Johnson drew half-a-million people in a visit to San Francisco.

It wasn’t long before the big news in town was “The Girl on the Piano.”

Doda became a legend and the Condor Club had an illuminated sign carrying her likeness.

Doda left the club in 1985

and later owned a lingerie store, performed in a rock band, did modeling and comedy, and sang and danced at another club.

Longtime friend Dick Winn told the San Francisco Chronicle that Doda was a “wonderfully caring person” and a good listener always willing to give advice.

“She was much more than just dancing,” Winn said.

“For me and my pals Carol will always be one of the boys,” Housekeeper added.

Doda grew up in San Francisco and dropped out of school in the eighth grade. She became a cocktail waitress at 14 and later went on to dance at the Condor.

She never married or had children.

“In a funny way Carol’s impact on the history of that era was as great as Lenny Bruce,” Housekeeper said.

Serena Williams: Tennis, fashion, and pre-med classes

NEW YORK (AP)—Serena Williams is the top tennis player in the world and an emerging fashion designer. But she still needs something to do in that down time between matches. That’s where the pre-med classes come in.

At a panel discussion Wednesday, Williams explained that she’s not necessarily interested in becoming a doctor, but wants to study nutrition, holistic medicine, and healing naturally.

“I love the holistic side of medicine,” she said. Besides, she explained, during tournaments she actually has more free time than when she’s not playing. “I like to keep going,” she said. “I don’t like to be still.”

At the panel, part of the Fast Company Innovation Festival, Williams was interviewed along with Nike CEO Mike Parker, with whom she works closely. Asked what she’d be doing in 10 years, she quipped: “That’s why Mark and I are so close. Because I’m going to be the CEO.” The audience erupted in applause.

But Williams also made it clear that despite all her other activities, she’s not any less motivated by tennis—even though she never thought she’d be still playing at age 30, let alone now at 34.

“I think it’s really important to know what you’re good at—and I know what I’m good at,” she said. “For me right now ... I love being on the court, I love winning

titles. So as much as these opportunities come up, and so many things come up, but is it going to interfere with my being the best in the world? If the answer is even close to yes, then I have to say no. I have the rest of my life to figure these things out.”

San Francisco considers \$290,000 payout for Journey wedding

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—San Francisco supervisors are considering a \$290,000 payout to settle a lawsuit by the guitarist of rock band Journey over his lavish 2013 wedding to a former reality television star.

A committee of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to take up the proposed settlement Thursday.

Neal Schon married “Real Housewives of D.C.” star Michaela Salahi in December 2013 at the Palace of Fine Arts with a reception at an adjacent building that once housed the Exploratorium science museum.

Schon said he agreed to pay

the city \$58,000 for the use, but was surprised to learn days before the wedding that he would have to pay \$240,000 for the opulent event to go on. He reluctantly paid, likening the price hike to “extortion.”

The couple sued in federal court in February, claiming that the city unfairly jacked up the fee after learning the couple planned to broadcast the event on pay-per-view.

City Attorney Dennis Herrera initially defended the higher charge as appropriate for a commercial event. He could not be reached immediately for comment Wednesday, which is a

government holiday.

In a statement this week, Michaela Schon called the city’s conduct “reprehensible” and said “hopefully, this will make the city think twice before doing this to anyone else in the future.”

Journey is a band nearly synonymous with San Francisco in some circles. Its song “Don’t Stop Believing” is the unofficial theme song of the San Francisco Giants.

Before starring in the 2010 season of “Housewives,” Salahi made headlines when she and her then-husband crashed a state dinner at the White House in 2009.

CBS gives post-Super Bowl slot to Stephen Colbert

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephen Colbert has landed the coveted post-Super Bowl time slot on CBS this winter.

The network said Wednesday that a special edition of Colbert’s “Late Show” will air directly after the Feb. 7 game, the first time that distinc-

tion has gone to a late-night show. Late local news will follow Colbert, and then CBS will show a special edition of James Corden’s “Late Late Show” afterward.

The post-Super Bowl slot annually is the most desired in television, since it follows a tele-

cast watched by more than 100 million viewers. If just one-fifth of the people watching the game keep the TV on CBS afterward, it will easily be the largest audience Colbert has faced.

Colbert began in September as David Letterman’s replacement on the “Late Show.”

Cy Twombly fetches \$70.5M at Sotheby’s NY auction

NEW YORK (AP)—An abstract work by Cy Twombly from his “blackboard” fetched \$70.5 million, an auction record for the artist, and a silkscreen by Andy Warhol of Mao Zedong brought in \$47.5 million at Sotheby’s sale of contemporary artworks on Wednesday.

Highlights of the evening sale:

“Untitled (New York City)” by Cy Twombly

Presale estimate: in excess of \$60 million. Sold for \$70.5 million. Previous auction record was \$69.6 million.

Notable: The 1968 painting is part of Twombly’s series of white looping lines against a dark surface. It comes from the collection of philanthropist Audrey Irmas. Part of the proceeds will go to The Audrey Irmas Foundation for Social Justice, which supports causes including the Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles. The Byzantine-revival synagogue will receive \$30 million from the sale for a

new \$60 million building next door. The Rem Koolhaas-designed building will be named The Audrey Irmas Pavilion.

“Mao” by Andy Warhol

Presale estimate: \$40 million. Sold for \$47.5 million.

Notable: Created in 1972, the silkscreen is the artist’s earliest iteration of China’s former chairman Mao Zedong.

“Concetto Spaziale, Attese” by Lucio Fontana

Presale estimate: \$15 million to \$20 million. Sold for \$16.1 million. The auction record for the artist is \$29.1 million.

Notable: Created in 1965, the artist slashed the crimson-colored canvas with 24 incisions in a single row across the 7-foot-wide painting. On the reverse, Fontana wrote in Italian: “I returned yesterday from Venice, I saw the film of Antonioni!!!,” a reference to filmmaker Michelangelo Antonioni’s “Red Desert,” a movie that explored how modern technological life affects humanity.

Obsessive mon can’t bear her toddler sleeping out of sight

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I bought our house, having children wasn’t yet on our minds. The master bedroom is at one end of the house; the other two bedrooms are at the opposite end.

Two years into our marriage we got a surprise blessing—a baby girl. She’s now 3 and still sleeping in our room in her own toddler bed. She has great sleeping habits, and I don’t think it would affect her to sleep in another room.

I am the problem. I can’t bear to have her at the other end of the house. All I can think about are horror stories of babies and small children being snatched from their beds (from the window) while the parents sleep. What if something happens and I don’t wake up? This may seem ridiculous to some, but it’s a real fear for me. Can you offer some advice?

PARANOID MOMMY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR MOMMY: Baby monitors (and cameras) were invented to allay the fears of parents who sleep apart from their little ones. If that isn’t reassurance enough, consider changing all the sleeping arrangements until your daughter is a bit older. Put her in one of the bedrooms at the other end of the house, and you and your husband take the one next to hers. Have the

baby monitor next to your bed so you can hear her if she stirs during the night.

You might also consider getting a dog, who would certainly alert you should anyone attempt to enter your home after you and your husband are asleep.

DEAR ABBY: I have a daughter who is now 40 years old. Until she was 17, I didn’t know she existed. She lives in another state, but we talk often. I consider us close.

Abby, I have been diagnosed with cancer and may not have much time left. I’m only 56. I was 16 when I was involved with her mother, homeless at the time and very naive. My problem is, although I have wracked my brain over the years I cannot remember actually having sex with her mother.

Nevertheless, I love this person very much and it would break my heart (and hers) if she wasn’t mine. Should I tell her in case she might want to track down who her father is, if it’s not me? I don’t know how I’d approach her for a DNA test.

URGENT DAD IN THE USA

DEAR URGENT: I’m so sorry to hear your prognosis. A gentle way to discuss this would be to explain that you have

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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been diagnosed with cancer and may not have long to live. Tell her you love her, that in your heart she will always be your daughter, but that you are not 100 percent sure it is biologically true. Explain that you are saying it not to hurt or reject her, but only so that if she is not your child she may be able to locate the person who is, and she won’t be fatherless when you are gone.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in “What Every Teen Should Know.” Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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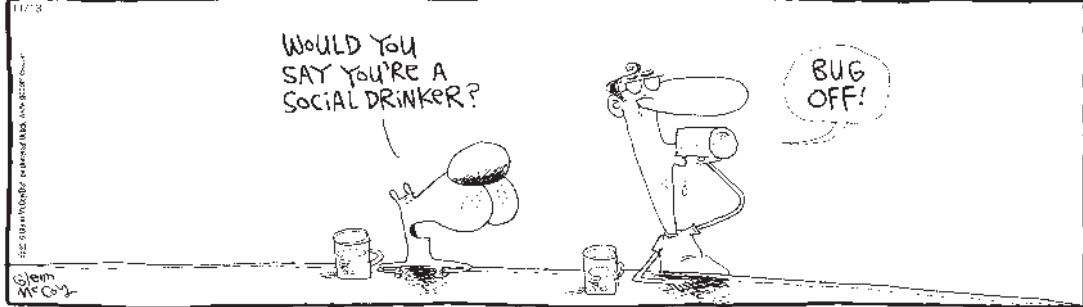
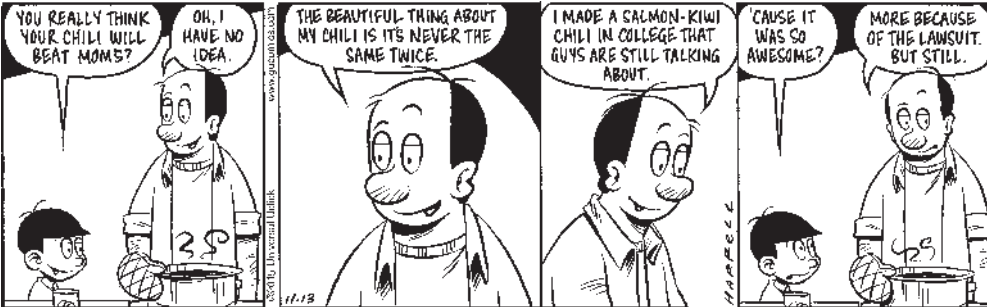


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By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 11-13

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gerard Butler, 46; Jimmy Kimmel, 48; Whoopi Goldberg, 60; Chris Noth, 61.

Happy Birthday: Uncertainty will prevail if you haven't balanced your life properly between work and home. Use your intelligence and intuition to guide you. A disciplined approach to your health and emotional well-being will give you the strength to take on any challenges you face. If you are in good shape mentally and physically, you will end up on top. Your numbers are 7, 15, 19, 27, 31, 43, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A short trip will be enlightening. Set up interviews, visit unfamiliar places and express your feelings for someone you think is special. Something unexpected will lead to a commitment or lifestyle change. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Show off a little by expressing your thoughts and ideas and using your skills. Talk over any problems you are experiencing with someone you trust. An unusual event will grab your interest. Participate and you'll discover something useful. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do your own dirty work. If you trust someone with your responsibilities, you will be disappointed. Don't disclose your thoughts and opinions. Someone is waiting for an excuse to make you look bad. Focus on personal improvements and romance. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may want to tackle home improvement projects on your own, but if it's beyond your

physical capabilities, ask for help to avoid injury. It's better to be smart than sorry. An unexpected encounter will lead to interesting news. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved in activities that will keep you in shape and on the move. The less time spent at home, the easier it will be to avoid someone who is putting unreasonable demands on you. Don't try to fight a losing battle. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you are too focused on one thing, you will miss what's going on right in front of you. An emotional situation at home is based on deception. If you ask questions, be prepared to accept the answers you receive. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Enforce new rules or changes that will make your life better and give you the incentive and enthusiasm to move forward. Social activity will reveal where you stand among your peers, making a decision you are faced with easier. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take pride in what you do. Network and make others aware of your talents and services. Someone from your past will require your assistance now. Reconnect and make an offer or proposal that is good for both of you. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everyone will be of the same mindset as you. Expect someone to disappoint you. Be prepared to move on with or without the people you thought were on your team. The personal changes you make will turn out exceptionally well. ★★★

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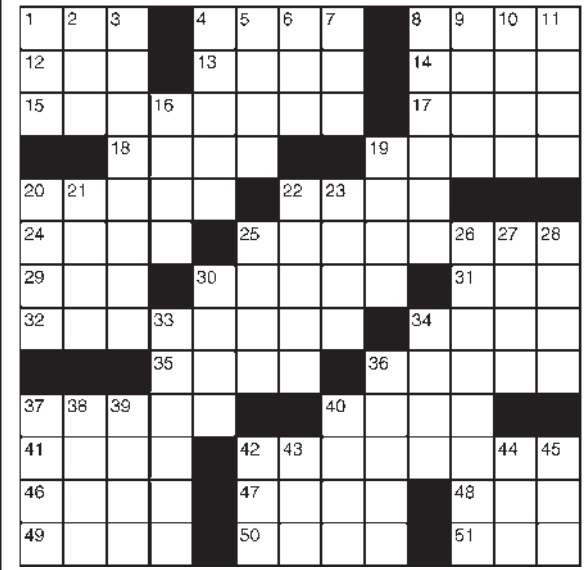
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your intense and relentless desire to do things your way will pay off. Not everyone will be pleased with your actions, but the results will be undeniably pleasing. A humble and gracious acceptance of success will help you maintain your popularity. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider making a vocational move. Incorporate something you love to do into how you earn your living. Don't let anyone discourage you from following through with your plans. Stick to a set budget and you will come out a winner. ★★★★★

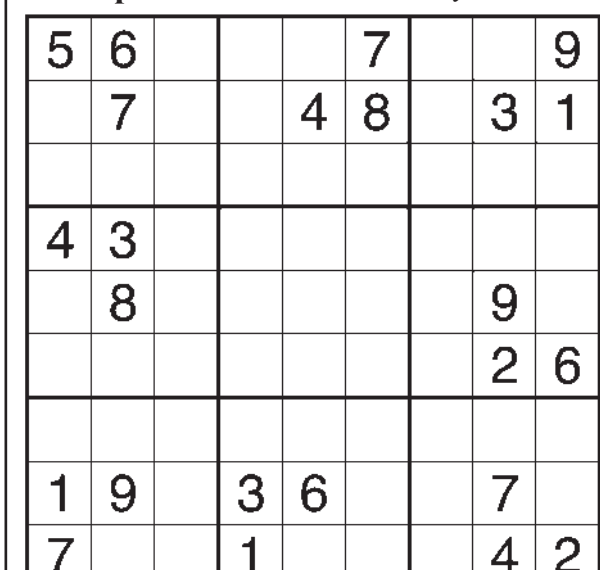
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll face emotional situations if you are negative or difficult to deal with. Keep an open mind and consider all the factors of any situation you face. It's better to get along and keep the peace than to overreact and do something you'll regret. ★★

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SUDOKU Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

JUSTIN BIEBER Solution: 9 letters

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Warriors remain unbeaten with 100-84 win over Grizzlies



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The Golden State Warriors haven't started a season this well in 55 years. So far back, the franchise was in Philadelphia.

Stephen Curry scored 28 points and Andre Iguodala added 20 as the Warriors matched the 9-0 start of the 1960-61 Warriors with a 100-84 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.

"It's great, because it means you're winning, which is the most important thing," forward Draymond Green said, adding that the Warriors don't concentrate much on such records.

Harrison Barnes added 19 points for Golden State. Curry was 9 of 21 from the field, but only 3 of 10 from outside the arc. The Warriors finished shooting 41 percent from 3-point range, 11 of 27.

"We've got different guys every night to step up," said Warriors guard Klay Thompson, who had eight points. "It's not only Steph. But tonight it was Andre and Harrison. Tomorrow night, it could be someone else."

At least this time, for the Grizzlies' sake, the loss wasn't by 50 points.

In the first game between the teams this season, Golden State defeated Memphis 119-69 on Nov. 2, the worst loss in franchise history.

Despite a much better effort, it was still the fourth straight defeat for the reeling Grizzlies.

"I thought we played really, really hard," Memphis coach Dave Joerger said. "I thought we battled. I thought we believed we could win. I still believe we can win, and we will down the line if we keep playing this hard."

Marc Gasol had 26 points, Zach Randolph added 19 and Tony Allen finished with 15 for the Grizzlies.

Memphis trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half, but fought its way back into the game by reverting to its offensive strength, going inside. Randolph scored 12 points in the third quarter, and Memphis got within 57-56.

But Curry, who connected on a 62-footer at the end of the third quarter in the deciding Game 6 of the conference semifinals between the teams last season, made a 40-footer as the horn sounded at the end of the third Wednesday night. That gave him 17 points in the period and the Warriors a 74-63 lead.

Memphis tried to stay close in the fourth, but consecutive 3-pointers from Thompson and Green stretched the Golden State lead back to 86-71 with 6:29 left.

That was the last gasp for Memphis, which lost to the Warriors for the sixth time in the



Golden State Warriors guards Shaun Livingston, left, Stephen Curry (30), and Andre Iguodala (9) celebrate after Curry's three-point score to beat the buzzer at the end of the third quarter during an NBA basketball game against the Memphis Grizzlies, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, in Memphis, Tenn.

last seven regular season games.

"We're having a great year, and we don't want to lose any time soon," Thompson said.

Spurs 113, Trail Blazers 101

In Portland, Oregon, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 23 points in his return to Portland, leading San Antonio over the Trail Blazers.

Aldridge, who played nine seasons in Portland before leaving as a free agent this summer, added six rebounds. Kawhi Leonard finished with 20 points for the Spurs, who won their third straight.

Damian Lillard led the Blazers with 22 points, including five 3-pointers, and nine assists. Portland has lost three straight.

Aldridge set franchise records for rebounds and double-doubles, while finishing second to Clyde Drexler in points. He was greeted by a mix of cheers and boos from the fans at the Moda Center.

Mavericks 118, Clippers 108

In Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 31 points to lead Dallas over Los Angeles in DeAndre Jordan's first visit since backing out on an agreement to sign with the Mavericks in free agency.

A tight second half upstaged the sideshow of the return of Jordan, who was booed throughout before coach Doc Rivers pulled him in the fourth quarter with Dallas successfully using the hack-a-Jordan tactic against one of the NBA's worst free throw shooters.

Zaza Pachulia, the consolation prize at center after Dallas missed out on Jordan, made two

free throws to put Dallas ahead for good at 108-106.

As Dallas pulled away in the final minute, the crowd chanted a derogatory phrase at Jordan, who had nine points and 11 rebounds with a minus-23 scoring margin while he was in the game.

Wesley Matthews, the free agent who kept his pledge to Dallas, also had a season high with 25 points.

Blake Griffin led Los Angeles with 21 points.

Hawks 106, Pelicans 98

In Atlanta, Al Horford scored 26 points as Atlanta rallied past injury-depleted New Orleans, which led much of the way but couldn't hang on without Anthony Davis.

After trailing by 12 points in the first half, the Hawks pulled away down the stretch. Paul Millsap converted a couple of three-point plays to help seal the victory for Atlanta, which bounced back from a home loss to Minnesota two nights earlier.

The Hawks didn't have to worry about Davis. The star center missed the game with a bruised right hip sustained Tuesday against Dallas in the Pelicans' first win of the season. Horford took advantage by making 11 of 15 shots, including 4 of 6 from 3-point range. Millsap was also a force, finishing with 19 points and 16 rebounds.

Eric Gordon led New Orleans with 26 points.

Nuggets 103, Bucks 102

In Denver, Kenneth Faried rebounded Danilo Gallinari's errant shot in the lane for a put-back with 5 seconds remaining to give Denver a victory over

Milwaukee.

Khris Middleton's shot from the corner rimmed out at the buzzer as the Bucks lost for the sixth straight time in Denver.

Gallinari had 25 points to lead the Nuggets, and Faried finished with 19. Rookie guard Emmanuel Mudiay added 16 points and 11 assists for his second double-double.

Jerryd Bayless had 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter for Milwaukee.

Before the game, the Nuggets announced forward Wilson Chandler will have season-ending surgery to repair a labral tear in his right hip.

Raptors 119, 76ers 103

In Philadelphia, Kyle Lowry scored 23 points and Luis Scola had 21 to lead Toronto over winless Philadelphia.

One year after starting 0-17, the Sixers have lost their first eight games this season.

Philadelphia has lost 18 straight games dating to March 27, 2015, the fourth-longest mark in franchise history.

Scola scored 17 points on 8-for-10 shooting in the third quarter.

Lowry, a Philadelphia native, scored 14 points in the first half, capped by a 27-footer with 0.9 seconds left to send the Raptors into halftime with a 63-57 lead. The Raptors built a 20-point lead in the third and left no doubt about the outcome.

Magic 101, Lakers 99

In Orlando, Florida, Nik Vucevic hit a fallaway 18-footer at the buzzer as Orlando edged Los Angeles.

Shabazz Napier led Orlando with 22 points, including five 3-pointers, and Evan Fourni-

er added 16 for the Magic, who got 65 points from their reserves including 18 from Vucevic, who came off the bench for the first time in his four seasons in Orlando.

Magic guard Victor Oladipo left the game in the first quarter with a concussion and did not return.

Los Angeles, playing without Kobe Bryant for the second straight game, put six players in double figures, led by Roy Hibbert with 15 points. Rookie D'Angelo Russell added 14 and Larry Nance Jr. and Lou Williams had 13 apiece.

Hornets 95, Knicks 93

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Cody Zeller scored on a layup off an inbounds play with 0.6 seconds left for Charlotte and Kristaps Porzingis' 3-pointer at the buzzer for New York was ruled too late.

Zeller had set a pick for Jeremy Lin under the Hornets basket, then alertly released to the hoop inside of Robin Lopez for the layup.

Porzingis then hit from 29 feet on the ensuing inbounds play, but officials huddled and ruled that he didn't get the shot off in time after a video review.

Nicolas Batum led the Hornets with a season-high 24 points and Lin chipped in with 17 as Charlotte (4-4) reached .500 for the first time.

Carmelo Anthony scored 29 points, and Aaron Afflalo had 12 points in his regular-season debut for the Knicks, who had their two-game winning streak snapped.

Pacers 102, Celtics 91

In Boston, Paul George scored

26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Indiana.

C.J. Miles had 17 points and Monta Ellis added 13 for the Pacers, who posted their fifth win in six games.

Evan Turner led Boston with 20 points, while Isaiah Thomas had 14 and Jared Sullinger scored 11 with 11 rebounds. The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for the Celtics.

Boston was just 4 for 24 on 3-point attempts.

George, who had averaged 31.7 points in the last three games, fell short of his third 30-point effort in four games.

The Celtics sliced it to 90-87 on Turner's turnaround along the right baseline with 7:28 to play, but the Pacers scored the next eight points to take control.

Nets 106, Rockets 98

In Houston, Bojan Bogdanovic scored a season-high 22 points with nine rebounds to lead Brooklyn to its first victory of the season.

The Nets entered the game 0-7 and the Rockets had won four straight after opening the season 0-3.

Brooklyn scored six straight points to turn a tie game into a 99-93 lead with 3 1/2 minutes remaining. Thomas Robinson led the way in that stretch, scoring four points highlighted by a dunk after a steal.

Marcus Thornton made a 3-pointer for Houston, but Bogdanovic hit one with 1:37 left to stretch the lead to 102-96.

James Harden led Houston with 23 points, cooling off after scoring 43 and 46 in the last two games.

The victory was Brooklyn's first in Houston since March 13, 2006, ending an eight-game skid.

Joe Johnson added 16 points and 10 assists for Brooklyn. Brook Lopez had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Kings 101, Pistons 92

In Sacramento, California, DeMarcus Cousins had 33 points and nine rebounds, and Rajon Rondo had a triple-double as Sacramento beat Detroit to snap a six-game losing streak.

Rudy Gay scored 12 of his 25 points in the first quarter for the Kings. Rondo had his 24th regular-season triple-double, finishing with 14 points, 15 assists and 11 rebounds.

Following a day of drama around the team, the Kings got a much-needed victory following a 1-7 start that was their worst since going 1-13 in 1990-91.

Reggie Jackson and Marcus Morris both had 16 points for Detroit, which dropped its second straight game on a six-game road trip. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 15 points and Andre Drummond had 14 points and 17 rebounds.

Manziel not expecting NFL punishment for domestic dispute

BEREA, Ohio (AP)—While his professional game needs major work, Johnny Manziel believes he's made personal progress.

"I have changed and adapted my lifestyle incredibly since last year," the Browns quarterback said.

Following Wednesday's practice, Manziel, whose every move on and off the field continue to be debated and dissected, said he does not expect to be punished by the NFL for his actions in a recent domestic incident.

The league is investigating whether Manziel violated its personal conduct policy during a roadside argument with his girlfriend on Oct. 12. Manziel, who was questioned but not charged by Avon, Ohio, police, recently met with a league official to discuss his involvement. Manziel could face a fine, suspension or ban if the league feels he broke any rules.

He's also waiting to learn if he'll make his second straight start.

Manziel played last week against Cincinnati and may be called upon again Sunday if Josh McCown remains sidelined with injured ribs. McCown, who injured his ribs in a Nov. 1 loss to Arizona, was limited in practice on Wednesday but is optimistic he'll be back in the lineup against Pittsburgh as the Browns (2-7) attempt to snap a four-game losing streak.



Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel walks off the field after the Browns' 31-10 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals in an NFL football game Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, in Cincinnati. AP

"Each day, I felt like we gained a little ground, maybe not as much as I would like, but I feel like it's improving and that's a good thing," McCown said.

Manziel showed more improvement in his fourth career start, but not as much as he or the Browns would have liked. He threw a touchdown pass in

the first half and made several big plays outside the pocket. But once the Bengals stopped his scrambling, Manziel passed for just 40 yards in the second half of a 31-10 loss.

Unlike his rookie year, when he was ill-prepared and admittedly not committed to his craft, Manziel is putting in time to

correct his mistakes.

Manziel candidly acknowledged that his physical limitations force him to play differently than other quarterbacks. They can stay in the pocket and read a defense while he has to run.

"I'm not going to be able to sit there like some of these taller quarterbacks in the league and just

be able to see everything happen as it plays on," he said. "I'm going to have to make a faith throw, knowing that, hey, this guy's here and this guy went there."

"There's going to be times where I'm going to not be able to see everything like everyone else and it's clear as day," he said. "I'm getting better at it,

but I'm nowhere near perfect, that's for sure."

Manziel's life remains an open book—or rather, a Twitter and Instagram diary.

With the Browns off last weekend, Manziel returned to Texas A&M, where the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner served as an honorary captain for the Aggies game against Auburn. Manziel relished the chance to see former teammates and friends, but as always seems to be the case, photos emerged of him having a good time.

Manziel, who spent 70 days in a rehab facility during the off-season, defended his decision to make the trip.

"I probably took 2,000 pictures this weekend and just those are the ones that happened to be blasted out onto social media," he said. "I can't really control who does what with those and what people say about them."

Manziel also understands his behavior will continue to be scrutinized.

"There's going to continue to always be a cloud over my head from everything that's happened in the past," he said. "I'm sure any time anybody sees me in any type of aspect or any type of situation the way that anything would've been before, they're just going to say, 'Oh, he's back to doing the same thing over and over again.' I'm smart enough to have learned a lot over my past year and a half of my life, that's for sure."

For Brady, facing Giants could bring back bad memories

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
AP SPORTS WRITER

Here's the closest Tom Brady will come to admitting that two Super Bowl losses to the New York Giants still bother him: "I'd much rather have won them than lost them."

The Patriots quarterback dismissed questions about whether his losses to the Giants in the two NFL title games—the only two Super Bowls he has lost—still weigh on his mind.

New England (8-0) plays the Giants (5-4) on Sunday for the first time since New York won the 2012 Super Bowl 21-17.

Asked if the sight of the Giants "disgusts" him, Brady went into a roundabout answer about how they are a good team and the games have been close. Then he conceded: "We just haven't won as many of them as I would've liked to have won."

The Giants are one of two NFL teams to have an overall winning record against Brady, largely on the strength of their Super Bowl victories in 2008 and '12. Including the postseason, they have faced Brady five times and won three of them. (Denver has won seven of 13.)

But the losses to the Giants weren't just regular losses.

New York beat New England in the Super Bowl after the Patriots won their first 18 regular-



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady speaks with members of the media before an NFL football practice, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass. T AP

season and playoff games in the 2007 season. Brady led New England to the go-ahead touchdown with about 5 minutes left, but the Giants took the lead after David Tyree caught a pass by pinning the ball against his helmet.

That spoiled the Patriots' chances for the NFL's first 19-0 season. The Patriots returned to the Super Bowl again after the 2011 season, and again the Giants beat them, extending New England's championship mini-drought from 2004 until last season's victory over Seattle.

"I'd much rather have won them than lost them, but they won't have any bearing on this

week or what the matchups are," Brady said. "There's just a lot of history with the team."

The Patriots are the defending Super Bowl champions, and they are again undefeated as they come off a summer spent defending themselves from the league's "Deflategate" investigation.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin said he might remind his team of its past success against the Patriots, but he isn't counting on it to stop them.

"It's a new year, new scheme, it's a new team, all of those things," he said. "You might mention it, but as I said, it's a whole new ballgame."

Suh apologizes to his mom for profane language during game

DAVIE, Fla. (AP)—Ndamukong Suh's mother watched his most recent game and didn't like what she saw—or heard.

There wasn't much to admire about the Miami Dolphins' 33-17 loss at Buffalo. They gave up 266 yards rushing and became the first team ever to allow two 100-yard rushers and a 150-yard receiver in the same game, according to STATS.

What upset Mom most, however, was Suh's language. He became angry when a referee's ruling cost him a sack, and Suh's profanity was audible to the crowd because it was accidentally captured by the official's microphone.

"I did hear from her about it," Suh said Wednesday with a sheepish smile. "I owe my mother an apology for swearing on TV and in public. So I'm sorry, Mother."

But when it comes to the Dolphins being sorry, nothing rivals their run defense. They gave up 7.4 yards per rush against the Bills, who threw only 12 times.

"They were able to take certain guys out of the play and get what they wanted," Suh said.

He has been double-teamed all season, and teammates haven't taken advantage of one-on-one matchups. As a

result, Miami's run defense ranks next to last in the NFL, ahead of only Cleveland, allowing 142 yards per game.

The last time the Dolphins were so bad against the ground game was in 2007, when they finished 1-15. Poor run defense is perhaps the biggest reason they're a disappointing 3-5 heading into Sunday's game at Philadelphia.

Miami's soft up front despite the presence of Suh, a three-time All-Pro tackle and the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history. The Dolphins signed him to a \$114 million, six-year contract after he helped Detroit lead the league in run defense last year.

This year the Lions rank 30th without him. The Dolphins rank 31st with him.

Miami's woeful run defense is a collective issue, interim coach Dan Campbell said. But that collective doesn't include Suh.

"He has done a good job," Campbell said. "He has made an impact in the middle. They're trying to double him and trap him and do the things they can to try to take him out. ... You feel him during the game. He is making plays. He's somebody they have to account for."

Count on the Eagles to do

that when they hand off to DeMarco Murray and Ryan Mathews.

"Philly has two great running backs," Suh said. "I've seen them both. Obviously I've been able to stop both of them."

The Eagles rank 10th in rushing, and they're certain to test the Dolphins' run defense, because everybody does. Teams are running the ball 31.5 times per game against Miami, most in NFL, in part because the Dolphins have fallen behind early in most of their games.

Miami's offense recognizes that getting an early lead would discourage opponents from running so much.

"We've got to make sure we don't have three-and-outs and put pressure on the defense," center Mike Pouncey said.

That approach worked when Campbell first took over a month ago. Before the Buffalo loss, Miami held three consecutive opponents below 100 yards rushing.

Suh remains confident the Dolphins have the ability to clamp down on their run defense.

"We've proven that," Suh said. "We've just got to execute on a consistent basis."

Mom will be watching.

In wake of Tejada injury, MLB examining rules on slides

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP)—After

watching Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada carried off the field with a broken leg during the play-offs when the Dodgers' Chase Utley upended him, Major League Baseball is examining whether to adopt a rule eliminating slides not directly at bases on force plays.

The discussion comes two years after MLB banned home-plate collisions. Central baseball officials spoke with teams and the rules committee met at this week's annual gathering of general managers. There will be more talk at next month's winter meetings and consultation with the players' association.

"We don't want to have guys carried off the field," Joe Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, said Wednesday. "Obviously, you can't lose sight of what the game is about. You don't want somebody just not trying to get to second base and not trying to keep the inning going. It's a thin line that you have to walk, and that's why it's really tough to put pen to paper."

In Game 2 of an NL Division Series, New York led 2-1 with one out in the seventh inning and runners at the corners. Los Angeles' Howie Kendrick hit



AP
John Ricco, second from left, New York Mets assistant general manager, speaks to reporters after attending the baseball general managers' meetings, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, in Boca Raton, Fla.

a grounder up the middle and second baseman Daniel Murphy flipped to Tejada, who took the throw awkwardly for an apparent force as Utley slid past the bag. Utley slammed into Tejada, whose back was turned. Tejada flipped over as the tying run scored from

third. Tejada fractured his right fibula, Utley was ruled safe on video review and the Dodgers scored four runs in the inning en route to a 5-2 victory.

Torre later suspended Utley for two games, ruling the slide illegal, discipline the players' association has appealed.

Pittsburgh's Jung Ho Kang broke his left leg and tore a knee ligament on a takeout slide in September by the Chicago Cubs' Chris Coghlan, an injury projected to sideline the shortstop for six-to-eight months.

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ment in working hand in hand with NMIFA and the football clubs on the island in pushing for the development of football in the CNMI," Tolentino said.

"We will do our best to continue giving assistance to NMIFA and its members by donating equipment and hosting clinics, training, and tournaments for players and coaches," she added.

MP United president Vickie Izuka, who witnessed the donation turnover ceremony and let her son and the club's goalie Clayton Izuka receive the balls on behalf of the club, thanked SSS for its generosity.

"MP United FC would like to extend a very big thank you to Saipan Soccer School for the generous ball donation to the clubs. This is the one of the most prized items of equipment for our club as we have many players of all ages and need to keep replenishing our stock," the MPU head said.

"This comes at a good time together with the NMIFA ball donation, especially after Typhoon Soudelor reduced our training field's availability for our youth teams this season. With supporters such as Saipan Soccer School, our youth continue to greatly benefit from the most beautiful sport in the world," Vickie Izuka added.

Malonzo 3.

Scoring by quarters: 13-17, 34-29, 51-42, 64-57.

Sunday Game

Islander 84 – Iglecias 19, Fitial 19, Kwon 14, Factor 12, Nakayama 4, Tenorio 3, Manibusan 3, Diaz 2, Lauron 2, Lee 2, Malonzo 2, Babauta 2.

Triple J 67 – Pangelinan 27, Inos 17, Jarabe 12, Palacios 7, Geli 2, Obnimaga 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-14, 54-34, 62-51, 84-67.

MASTERS

CES Electronics 78 –S. Ebuén 28, Abadilla 22, Tibayan 10, Tobias 10, Dacumos 6, Dela Cruz 4, Echavez 4.

Maplas 60 – Corong 15, Yalung 12, Samson 10, Surla 8, Rivera 5, Verano 4, Salazar 4, Surima 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-14, 33-28, 64-43, 78-60.

Emon Lodge caging starts Nov. 29



The Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League will kick off on Nov. 29 at the Civic Center Basketball Court.

This year's league is sponsored by IT&E and will feature only eight teams. Each squad is allowed to have a maximum

of 12 players on its roster. Entrance fee is \$350. Team representatives are asked to submit a copy of their roster, together with the signed waiver forms from their players, and indicate the color of their jersey. The champion squad will win a trophy and 32-inch LED Flat TV.

Game schedule and other

details of the league will be discussed once organizers have already received registration forms from interested teams.

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set against previously unbeaten MP United. Bergancia went on to score the winning goal in the 51st minute to lift Tan Holdings to a 2-0-2 win-draw-loss record.

In the other division match at the Hopwood pitch, Paire made in to the win column after outclassing the second-running Kanoa, 2-0.

The official match report did not indicate who scored for Paire, which dropped its first three games before stunning Kanoa. Paire, however, registered the twin goals in the second half to notch its first victory

in the shortened season. Kanoa holds a 2-0-2 slate and remains in second place in the team standings with its more goals scored against Tan Holdings, 13-11, after four matches.

Kanoa will try to keep its distance against Tan Holdings when the former collides against MP United this Saturday at 1pm at Hopwood's Pitch 2. At Pitch 1, it will be Tan Holdings versus Paire.

BOYS U18 Tan Holdings 2, MP United 1

Tan Holdings strengthened its hold to the top spot in the boys U18 division after slipping past

MP United last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Joel Fruit and Sean Perez tallied one goal apiece for Tan Holdings, which is still unbeaten in four games, to keep its distance against its closest rival MPU (3-0-1). Fruit lit up the board first with his goal in the 25th minute, while Perez made it a 2-0 advantage for Tan Holdings in the 50th.

Sunjoon Tenorio broke MP United's silence in the 61st, but the many-time division champion failed to overhaul Tan Holdings' lead in the remaining minutes of the tough match to absorb its first loss of the season.

Matansa 1, Paire 0

In the other boys U18 duel, Matansa also earned a close win over Paire.

Joshua De Leon knocked in the lone goal in the match in the eighth minute to give Matansa its first victory of the season after losing its first three matches. Paire is still winless in four games to remain at the bottom of the four-team field.

Paire will try again to make it to the win column this Saturday when it meets MP United at 2:30pm at the Oleai pitch. In the 4:15pm match, Matansa will challenge undefeated Tan Holdings.

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stage of the game. The Islander made at least six miscues in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter with the last one handing the big blow to the team's repeated comeback bids.

After bringing down the Sonics' lead from 10 to 5, 57-62, with still 48.7 seconds remaining on the clock, the Islander had a chance to move closer when Jaymark De Guzman rushed a 3-pointer and missed. Jerry Diaz collared the rebound and saw teammate Alex Lauron sprinting toward their frontcourt. Diaz went on to pass the ball to Lauron, but De Guzman intercepted the leather to make up for his earlier boobo. Lauron was then force to give up a foul on De Guzman to stop the clock.

De Guzman nailed the first free throw to make it a 6-point

advantage for the Sonics, 63-57. He muffed the second one, but Adrian Palacios won the battle for the rebound against Kelvin Fitial and later went 1-for-1 from the stripe after the Islander committed another preemptive foul.

After Palacios missed his second free throw, Islander took the rebound and Lauron pulled up for a hurried triple, but he faltered. The Sonics got the possession back and ran down the clock to keep the win.

The loss to the Sonics came just two days after the Islander crushed Triple J, 84-67.

Fitial teamed up with the Islander's young guns to whip Triple J and give their team its second win. Fitial scored 19 points to match the output of youth player J.P. Iglecias, while the latter's former teammates at Marianas High School—Dixon Kwon and Prince Factor—contributed 14 and 12, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the masters division match last Tuesday, CES Electronics finally won in the inaugural season of the league after downing Maplas, 78-60.

CES Electronics was 0-5 before it ended its skid with a victory against Maplas—the lone team that has yet to make it to the win column in the nine-team field, putting the squad in danger of not making it to the play-offs. Only the Top 8 teams will advance to the playoff round.

Sonny Ebuén starred in CES' first win when he waxed hot in the second half and made up for his so-so performance in the early goings of the game.

Ebuén, who was held to three field goals in the opening half, knocked in CES' first 9 points in the third period and had 14 in that quarter alone, turning a 33-28 lead to a 64-43 advantage. He then finished off his strong showing in the second half by

nailling 8 of CES' final 10 markers in the fourth frame.

Ariel Abadilla provided enough support to Ebuén, adding 22 points, while Dick Tibayan and Ferdie Tobias also had double figures, chipping in 10 apiece.

Joseph Corong paced Maplas (0-4) with his 15 markers.

In related news, the two masters matches last Wednesday night were halted by rain. Maplas and MJD/GPPC played in the first game, while Blue Haus and Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders slugged it out in the nightcap.

OPEN Tuesday Game

Sonics 64 – De Guzman 18, Dela Rosa 8, Palacios 8, Cadiang 7, Lansang 6, Flores 5, Javier 4, Fidelino 3, Tekopua 2.

Islander 57 – Fitial 18, Factor 10, Lauron 10, Manibusan 6, Diaz 3, Babauta 3, Kwon 3,

Kanoa FC general secretary Cristy Villaflo, on the other hand, said the donated balls will serve the club well during its training sessions.

"The more balls we have, the faster we can conduct drills among our players during their training sessions. Instead of spending some time chasing after a loose ball, they could proceed to the next drill and save energy for the remaining practice session," Villaflo said.

For his part, Tan Holdings FC general secretary Ador Dimaa-no considered the donated balls as savings for the club.

He said Tan Holdings FC does fundraising events to support the club's needs, such as equipment, and the SSS donation saved them a few hundred dollars, which they could use in other programs. Regular soccer balls cost between \$13 and \$20 each.

He added that the donated balls will help their coaches facilitate training sessions and give players more opportunities to work on their skills.

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MLB STANDINGS				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	6	3	.667	—
New York	4	5	.444	2
Boston	3	4	.429	2
Brooklyn	1	7	.125	4½
Philadelphia	0	8	.000	5½
Southeast Division				
Atlanta	8	2	.800	—
Miami	5	3	.625	2
Charlotte	4	4	.500	3
Orlando	4	5	.444	3½
Washington	3	4	.429	3½
Central Division				
Cleveland	7	1	.875	—
Detroit	5	3	.625	2
Chicago	5	3	.625	2
Indiana	5	4	.556	2½
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	3½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	6	2	.750	—
Dallas	4	4	.500	2
Houston	4	4	.500	2
Memphis	3	6	.333	3½
New Orleans	1	7	.125	5
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	5	3	.625	—
Minnesota	4	3	.571	½
Utah	4	3	.571	½
Denver	4	4	.500	1
Portland	4	5	.444	1½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	9	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	5	3	.625	3½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	5
Sacramento	2	7	.222	7
L.A. Lakers	1	7	.125	7½

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NMIFA youth festival set for tomorrow



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will cap the shortened fall season for the non-competitive youth league with a festival this Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

The festival will begin at 8am and will feature teams in the co-ed U8, U10, and U12B divisions and the U6 grassroots.

The U8 division has seven teams divided into two groups and matches will be played in a 6-aside format. Pool A has MP United-1, Shirley's FC, Tan Holdings, and Matansa, while Paire, MP United-2, and Kanoa are in Pool B. Pool A will have round-robin play, while Pool B will implement a double-round robin format and games will be played in two 10-minute halves with a two minute break at half-time. Pool A matches will take place first from 8am to 10:30am, while Pool B games will run from 11am to 1:30pm and participating squads are asked to be at the playing field 15 minutes before their scheduled match.

The U10 division has the same number of squads and



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tan Holdings FC U6 players line up to perform drills during a training session for the fall season at the William S. Reyes Elementary School Field.

similar grouping, but matches will be 8-aside. Again MP United-1, Shirley's FC, Tan Holdings, and Matansa of Pool A will play first, while Pool's

Paire, MP United-2, and Kanoa will take the pitch late morning until early afternoon.

For the U12B division, only four teams—Matansa, Kanoa,

Shirley's, and MP United—will play in tomorrow's festival. Each squad will have four games, which covered two 15-minute halves with a five-

minute break. The U12 division will also have an 8-aside format and matches will run from 8am to 12:40pm.

Meanwhile, the U6 festival

will be held in the afternoon with participants from the various clubs performing drills and playing small-sided games. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*



Voyagers rip Titans in Tuesday billiards

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The Jokers IT&E Voyagers breezed through with an 11-2 win over the Jonny's Titans in the Saipan Billiards Association-Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League at the latter's home bar in Garapan.

Mark Butac kicked things off for the Jokers crew in the one-sided contest by beating John Reyes in the first Singles 8-Ball game.

The Voyagers won seven more match ups in Singles and Partners 8-Ball events after that to secure the win that vaulted them to a tie on top of the standings with the Jokers Docomo Hustlers. Both teams hold a 16-10 record.

All 13 matches will be played as each win and loss

would be added to their standing with the team that has the most wins earning the season crown.

The Jokers Destroyers and sister team StraightBlackBall are closely behind with at 15-11 and 14-12 records, respectively. The Jonny's Crazy8 (9-17) and Titans (8-18) complete the standings of the six-team field.

The win also erased the memory of the Voyagers' poor start where they lost to the Hustlers in the season opener last Nov. 3.

The Titans earned their first win courtesy of team captain Ray Matsunaga's victory over Roman Rodriguez in the first match of the third Singles

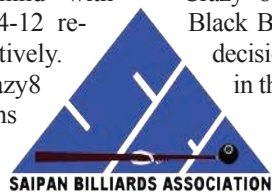
8-Ball event.

Randy Sablan gave the Titans their second win when he defeated Butac in their Singles 8-Ball face-off.

The Hustlers defeated the Crazy 8, 8-5, while Straight-Black Ball escaped with a 7-6 decision over the Destroyers in the two other match ups.

Next Tuesday, Nov. 17, the Hustlers take on the Destroyers with the Voyagers battling the Straight-BlackBall, while the Crazy 8 will clash with the Titans.

Over at the Thursday League, the Wild Bill's Rack 'N' Roll collide with the Wild Wild West, while the Jokers WildBoyz face National Alamo Car Rental. The Jokers Homeboyz will visit Jonny's Team SCS.



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The Jokers IT&E Voyagers celebrate their victory over the Jonny's Titans in the SBA-Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League.

Greg Sablan Jr. is SGA's October Ace

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Greg M. Sablan Jr. earned a spot in the Saipan Golfers Association's year-end tournament after ruling the October Ace held last Sunday at

the Mariana Country Club.

Sablan had a gross score of 14-over 86 at the par-72 layout of the Marpi golf facility. He had rounds of 42 and 44, and with a 20 handicap finished with a 66.

He now joins other SGA monthly winners Ed Manibusan

(January), John "Nanni" Cruz (February), Larry Deleon Guerrero (March), 2013 Ace of Aces winner Jung Eun Teack (April), Alex Tudela (May), Juan Lizama (June), Jess Castro (July), Nick Sablan (August), and Frances Sablan (September).

Tudela and Nick Sablan

ended up tied for second behind Greg M. Sablan Jr. with a net score of 73.

Tudela secured second place beating Nick Sablan after three holes by way of the scorecard tiebreak method.

He scored rounds of 40 and 41 for an 81 gross, and with an eight handicap gave him that 73, while Nick Sablan, who has

a five handicap, scored a 41 at the front and 37 at the back to equal the former's feat.

Juan Pan Guerrero and Tony Deleon Guerrero were the longest drive winners in Nos. 2 and 11.

Deleon Guerrero also led the golfers that shot closest to the pin in No. 6, while Tudela achieved the feat twice in holes

No. 8 and 16.

SGA members are again reminded of the November Ace of the Month set this Sunday, Nov. 15, at the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Show time is at 9am, while tee off starts after one hour in the monthly golf tournament, which will also be group's annual Turkey Shoot.



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Tan Holdings hands MPU first loss

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Tan Holdings FC snapped MP United's winning streak after eking out a 3-2 victory in their co-ed U12A division match in the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Anthony Bergancia knocked in a pair of goals for Tan Holdings, including the go-ahead shot to hand MP United its first loss in four games.

It was a come-from-behind win for Tan Holdings, which started at a 0-2 deficit at halftime after MP United got one goal apiece from Dylan Cho and Rintaro Miyawaki. Cho found the back of

the net in the fifth minute, while Miyawaki made it two in row for the division leader with his conversion in the 17th minute.

A goal from Luis Claridades in the 33rd minute moved Tan Holdings within one, while Bergancia drilled the equalizer two minutes later to set up the up-



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Sonics back on track, tops Islander



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The Sonics' Erick Dela Rosa, center, is fouled by the Islander's Prince Factor, left, while Dexter Tenorio looks on during the fourth quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Tuesday at the San Antonio court.

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The Sonics regained their winning form following a 64-57 triumph over the Islander in the open division game in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Tuesday night at the San Antonio court.

three-game winning streak ended by Ask Y U B last week, bounced back against the inconsistent Islander, playing steadier in the homestretch to bag their fourth win in six games.

The Sonics squandered a double-digit spread with less than two minutes left in the match, but hung on for the victory, thanks to the errors the Islander committed in the final

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Tan Holdings FC's Kohtarō Goto, left, kicks the ball, while a Kanoa player steps into the play during the second half of their U12A division game in Week 4 of the NMIFA youth league at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Saipan Soccer School donates ball to clubs

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Saipan Soccer School turned over 30 balls to clubs under the Northern Mariana Island Football Association in its continuing effort to support the development of the sport in the CNMI.

The donation turnover ceremony took place last Nov. 5 before NMIFA's send-off ceremony to the CNMI U13 National Team at the lobby of Kanoa Resort. SSC executive director Merlie Tolentino gave the balls to representatives of MP United Football Club, Shirley's FC, Tan Holdings FC, Matansa FC, Kanoa FC, and Paire FC. Tinian Premier FC's representative could not make it to last week's event, but the club will still receive the same donation.

Of the 30 balls, 20 of them

are size 5 and will be used by players in the 15 and up age group, while the 10 size 4 are

for the younger divisions.

"Through this donation, Saipan Soccer School would

like to reiterate its commit-

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Saipan Soccer School executive director Merlie Tolentino, fifth left, joins representatives of various football clubs for a group photo before turning over the donated balls last Nov. 5 at the lobby of Kanoa Resort.